

Montana

WINTER GUIDE
1995-96

DOWNHILL SKIING

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

SNOWMOBILING





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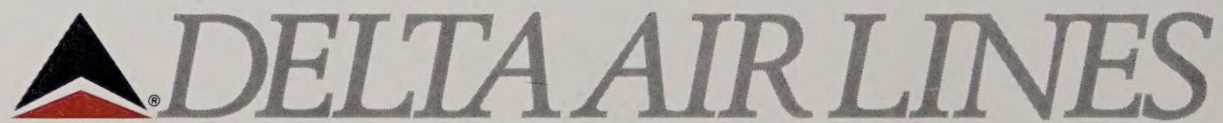
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Donnie Sexton

You're never out of **SEASON** in Montana.

Start with snow, add friendly resorts, short lift lines and reasonable prices, and you have winter, Montana-style. It is a season of celebration and unspeakable beauty. But remember, it is just one of the seasons of Montana.

In spring, skiing and snowmobiling give way to whitewater rafting, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, hiking and fishing. In addition to outdoor recreational activities, Montana offers a year-round calendar of events ranging from Indian powwows, cowboy poetry readings and rodeos to music and art festivals, concerts, kayak races and winter carnivals.

Travel Montana has all the information you need to plan your trip, including guides with information on camping, accommodations, attractions, events and recreational opportunities.

TRAVEL MONTANA
800-VISIT MT ext. 5WG (out-of-state)
(800-847-4868)
406-444-2654 (in Montana)
TDD 406-444-2978



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Montana Celebrates **WINTER.**

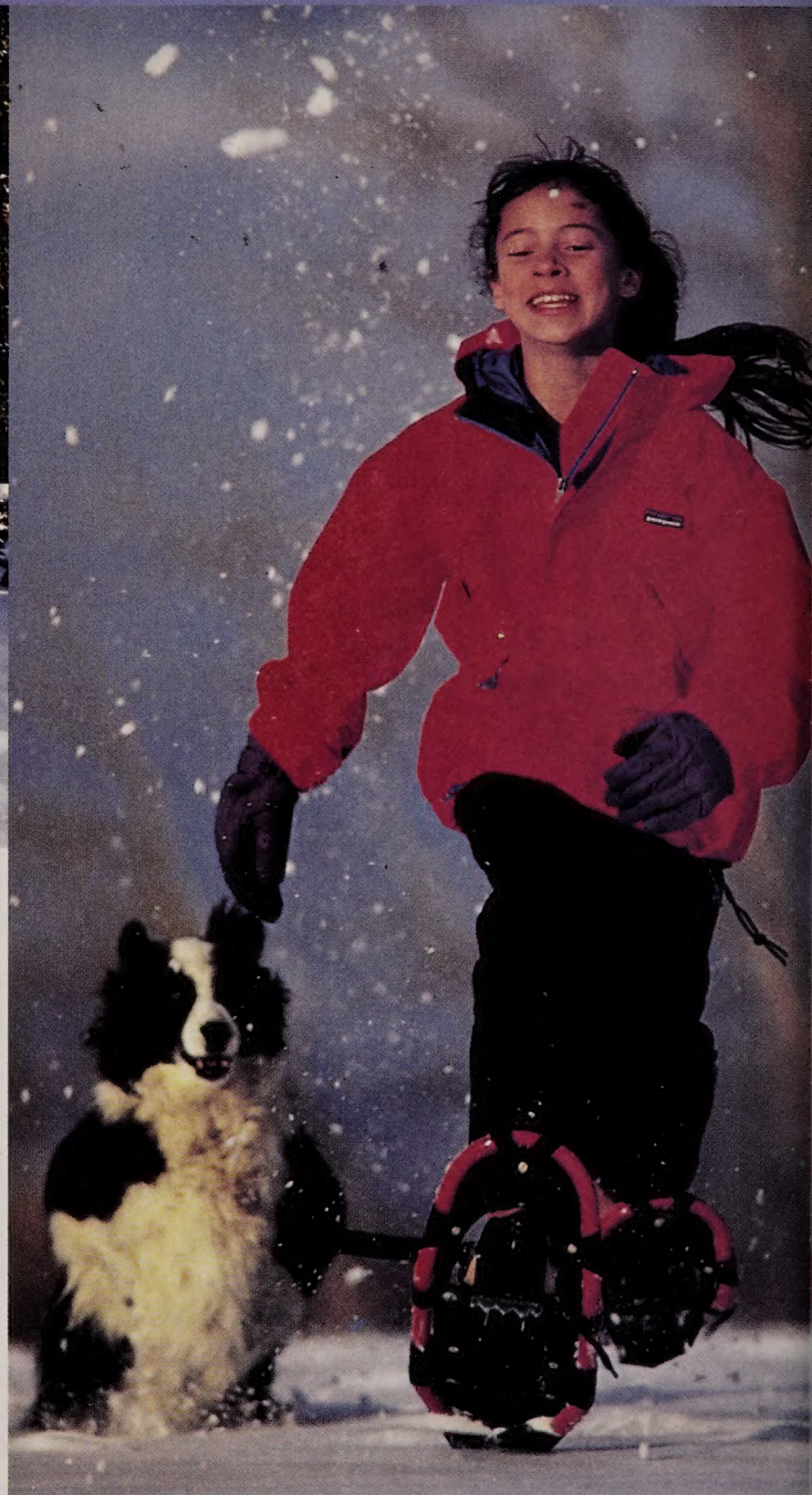


David Hiser/courtesy Big Sky Resort

Winter in Montana is a celebration of contrasts:

exhilaration and repose, brilliant sunshine and blinding snow, frosty days and snug nights by the fire. Above all, it is a season of unspeakable beauty. As the woods fill up with snow, elk, deer, bighorn sheep and other wildlife move down to the lower elevations and Montana's sunny skies bring warmth to a wintry landscape.

Try Montana in winter, and you will discover what winter recreation can be because Montana offers all of the pleasure and none of the hassle. Just perfect powder snow, brilliant blue sky, easy access, friendly faces and affordable prices. Some say Montana is at its best when Montana is under a blanket of snow!



Bob Allen

Winter Wildlife Viewing

Winter is the best season to see much of Montana's abundant wildlife. Scan windswept hillsides for elk and bighorn sheep. Search ice-free lakes and rivers for ducks, Canada geese and swans. Look, too, for tracks. Snow creates a perfect stage for the wildlife drama that plays out daily in Montana's backcountry. Bring a field guide to animal tracks to help you decipher wildlife clues imprinted on snow. But please don't disturb wildlife. These birds and animals need to conserve their energy to survive the winter months.

Winter is More than Snow Sports

There's more to winter than skiing and snowmobiling. Get behind a team of sled dogs and let winter get in your face. Augur a hole in the ice and wait for a school of perch or salmon to tap your line. Visit the U.S. High Altitude Sports Center in Butte for a glimpse of world-class speed-skating, or Canyon Ferry Lake near Helena for close-up views of bald eagles as they pause during their migration to feed on spawning kokanee salmon.

Montana is more than an exhilarating day outdoors. It is historical museums and art galleries, ghost towns and lively cities, fine dining, shopping and hidden resorts that are perfect for winter naps.

Roger Wade



Rodney Schlecht

Getting to and around Montana

Some ski and snowmobile areas are minutes from an airport or train station; others are a short drive on scenic highways. The following carriers can get you to Montana snow:

AMTRAK 800-872-7245
Delta/Delta Connection 800-221-1212
Horizon Air 800-547-9308
Northwest Airlines 800-225-2525
United Airlines 800-241-6522

For Montana Ski Reports and Travel Information

800-VISIT MT ext. 5WG (out of state)
(800-847-4868)
406-444-2654 (in Montana)

For Road Conditions

406-444-6339
800-226-ROAD (7623)

DOWNHILL SKIING.

Simply better skiing.



Tim Rice



Lonnie Ball

If you love to ski, Montana has a sweet deal for you. We invite you to rediscover the pure joy of downhill skiing—Montana style. It starts with sunshine, blue sky and plenty of powder. Its hallmark is the happy fatigue that comes from too many runs. Its value lies in sensible prices and your certain knowledge that this is what skiing was meant to be.

"It is only a statement of physical fact to say: Mountains are as close as the surface of our planet reaches toward the heavens. The purest air, the purest water, and the purest light on earth are found amidst these great uplifted forms. They are the source of awesome natural power, shaping winds and weather and the rivers that flow across the land. And they are the home of very special communities of living creatures."

— Douglas H. Chadwick
A Beast the Color of Winter



Lonnie Ball



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Montana offers you a full menu of downhill ski options. Our 14 downhill ski areas range from destination resorts, where you and your friends or family will want to settle in for a week, to popular day-use areas. The quality and quantity of Montana's skiable terrain compares with the best in the West.

All of our resorts and day-use areas are come-as-you-are. If you're coming with kids, many provide day care and all-day ski camps. If you're coming as a beginner, we have expert, friendly instructors who make sure your first ski trip won't be your last. If you're coming as an expert or extreme skier, you won't be disappointed. If you're coming with snowboards or telemark skis, you're welcome here!

Beyond the skiing, there are snow dances and spring carnivals, sleighrides and seven-course dinners, fun-loving ski towns and quiet nights by the fire. You set the style. Leave the snow and the service to us.

DOWNHILL & GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY AREAS



National Forests

- 1** Beaverhead N.F.
- 2** Bitterroot N.F.
- 3** Custer N.F.
- 4** Deerlodge N.F.
- 5** Flathead N.F.
- 6** Gallatin N.F.
- 7** Helena N.F.
- 8** Kootenai N.F.
- 9** Lewis & Clark N.F.
- 10** Lolo N.F.

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Map provided for general information only.
Consult the Montana Official Highway Map
for accurate and detailed information.

DOWNHILL SKI AREA QUICK REFERENCE CHART

		AVG. SNOWFALL	VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS*	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN RATES**	SNOWBOARDING	
▲1	Bear Paw Ski Bowl Havre 406-265-8404	N/A	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D 1S	9	25	25	50	\$14	7 & under free†	Yes	Day use area 29 miles S of Havre, along Amtrak route on Rocky Boy Indian Reservation; full services in Havre
▲2	Big Mountain Whitefish 406-862-1900	300	2,300	4,700	7,000	11,684	2Q 2S 1D 4T	63	25	55	20	\$38	6 & under free†	Yes	Full service destination resort in NW Montana, on Amtrak route & served by Delta, Northwest & Horizon airlines; near Glacier National Park
▲3	Big Sky Big Sky 800-548-4486	400	4,180	6,970	11,150	17,180	3Q 3G 3T 3D 4S	80	10	47	43	\$43	10 & under free†	Yes	Full service destination & conference resort between Bozeman & Yellowstone National Park; open summer & winter
▲4	Bridger Bowl Bozeman 800-223-9609	400	2,000	6,100	8,100	7,300	1Q 5D	60	25	35	40	\$26	\$11 5 & under free†	Yes	Destination area with plenty of skiing & full services in the nearby university town of Bozeman
▲5	Discovery Basin Anaconda 406-563-2184	200	1,300	6,850	8,150	4,300	1T 3D 1S	40	33	33	33	\$20	\$10	Yes	Day use area near Anaconda; cafeteria, lounge, sales & rentals & cross-country trails; Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 30 miles east
▲6	Great Divide Marysville 406-449-3746	150	1,330	5,900	7,230	2,300	3D	60	15	35	50	\$18	5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area about 20 miles NW of Helena; cafeteria, bar, restaurant, night skiing, groomed cross-country skiing; full services in Helena
▲7	Lost Trail Powder Mtn. Conner 406-821-3211	300	1,200	6,600	7,800	1,925	2D 2S	18	20	60	20	\$17	5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area S of Missoula on the Montana-Idaho border; lodging nearby; 6 miles to Lost Trail Hot Springs
▲8	Marshall Mtn. Missoula 406-258-6000	150	1,500	3,900	5,400	3,000	1T 2S	17	15	65	20	\$17	5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area outside of Missoula; lessons, rentals, snack bar, pub, night skiing; full services in Missoula
▲9	Maverick Mtn. Dillon 406-834-3454	180	2,120	6,500	8,620	700	1D 1S	16	20	40	40	\$18	\$11 5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area W of Dillon; open Thurs.-Sun.; half-price lift tickets Thurs. & Fri.; nursery available/reservations required
▲10	Montana Snowbowl Missoula 406-549-9777	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	32	20	40	40	\$24	5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area outside of Missoula; vertical drop attracts extreme skiers but there's plenty of variety for other skill levels
▲11	Red Lodge Mountain Red Lodge 406-446-2610	250	2,016	7,400	9,416	6,690	4D 1T 1S	40	15	60	25	\$26	\$10	Yes	Destination area with plenty of skiing & full services in the fun-loving, western town of Red Lodge
▲12	Rocky Mountain Hi Fairfield 406-467-3664	300	1,000	6,400	7,400	1,000	1D 1S	25	20	50	30	\$20	7 & under free	Yes	Day use area on the Rocky Mountain Front; rentals, lessons, lounge & concessions; services in Choteau
▲13	Showdown Ski Area Neihart 406-236-5522	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 2S 1D	34	30	40	30	\$23	5 & under free†	Yes	Day use area S of Great Falls; cross-country & snowmobile trails nearby; services in Neihart, Monarch, White Sulphur Springs & Great Falls
▲14	Turner Mountain Libby 406-293-4317	200	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1S	20	5	25	70	\$15	6 & under free†	Yes	Day use area 22 miles N of Libby in Montana's northwest corner; warming hut & snack bar; services in Libby
Dream Ski 406-862-1998/406-758-5411		The Dream Disabled Ski Program on The Big Mountain. Adaptive ski program for individuals with disabilities. Individualized one-on-one ski instruction, free use of adaptive ski equipment and lessons by appointment. Runs 12/31-3/31													
Eagle Ski Montana		A similar adaptive ski program for people with special needs, offered at Bridger Bowl, Red Lodge Mountain & Showdown. Both downhill & cross-country skiing are taught on a one-on-one basis. Bridger Bowl: 406-586-1781; Red Lodge: 406-245-5422; Showdown: 406-454-1449													

* Lifts Q — high-speed quad chair, G — high-speed detachable gondola, T — triple, D — double, S — surface

** Rates—Rates subject to change †with paying adult

BIG MOUNTAIN SKI & SUMMER RESORT

P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937



Reservations: 800-858-3913 or 406-862-1900



As if 63 runs, unlimited tree skiing and two sides of a mountain weren't enough, The Big Mountain's nextdoor neighbor is Glacier National Park with more than one million acres of winter scenery for cross-country skiers.

Location

8 miles N of Whitefish, 23 miles N of Kalispell, in northwest Montana

Getting Here

Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west
Delta, Northwest and Horizon Air to Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell
Transfers from airport and train depot available with confirmed reservations
Rental cars and taxis available

Season

November 23–April 7
Open daily 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Night skiing mid-December–March, Wednesday–Saturday, 4:30–9 p.m.

Trails & Slopes

63 runs, unlimited tree skiing
3,000 acres on the Flathead National Forest
25% beginner, 55% intermediate, 20% advanced
Snowboarders, telemark & mono-skiers welcome

Lifts

Quads 1 detachable, 1 fixed grip
Chairs 4 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

Rates

Adult \$38
Junior 13–18 \$28
Senior 62+ \$28
Child 7–12 \$20
Child 6 & under Free
Night skiing \$12
Multi-day, group rates available

Rentals & Sales

Adult package starts at \$15/day
High performance equipment, snowboards, nordic equipment available

Ski shops on the mountain offer clothing and equipment

Instruction

Group \$23/2 hrs.
Private \$52/hr.
Adult first-timer \$23/half-day lesson & lift
Skill-builder, snowboard, telemark & cross-country lessons
Specialty clinics include Women's Week, snowboard camp

Food & Drink

Several restaurants and saloons on the mountain
Summit House features views of Glacier Park

Lodging

Ski-in/ski-out lodging for up to 1,500 guests at 6 properties on the mountain
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

Cross-Country

10 km of groomed trails on the mountain, adjacent to Outpost Lodge
Rentals available

Just for Kids

Day care, kids' ski school and free skiing for children under 6
Children 12 & under stay free in all on-mountain lodging properties

Events

Doug Smith Western Region Downhill Series
30th Annual Whitefish Winter Carnival and Grape Expectations Wine & Food Festival
Clydesdale-drawn sleighrides, sleighride dinners
Dog sledding, snow-tubing, ice skating, snowmobiling and guided cross-country ski tours to Glacier Park special programs
Valid November 22–December 22, 1995, and March 30–April 7, 1996

3 days skiing/
3 nights lodging
starts at **\$183**

(value season)

per person,
double occupancy.

Rates do
not include
applicable taxes.

American meal plan
packages available
in some lodges.
Other packages
available, too.



Scott Spiker

Base Elevation 4,700 ft.

Top Elevation 7,000 ft.

Vertical Drop 2,300 ft.

Longest Run 2.5 miles

Lift Capacity 13,072 skiers/hr.

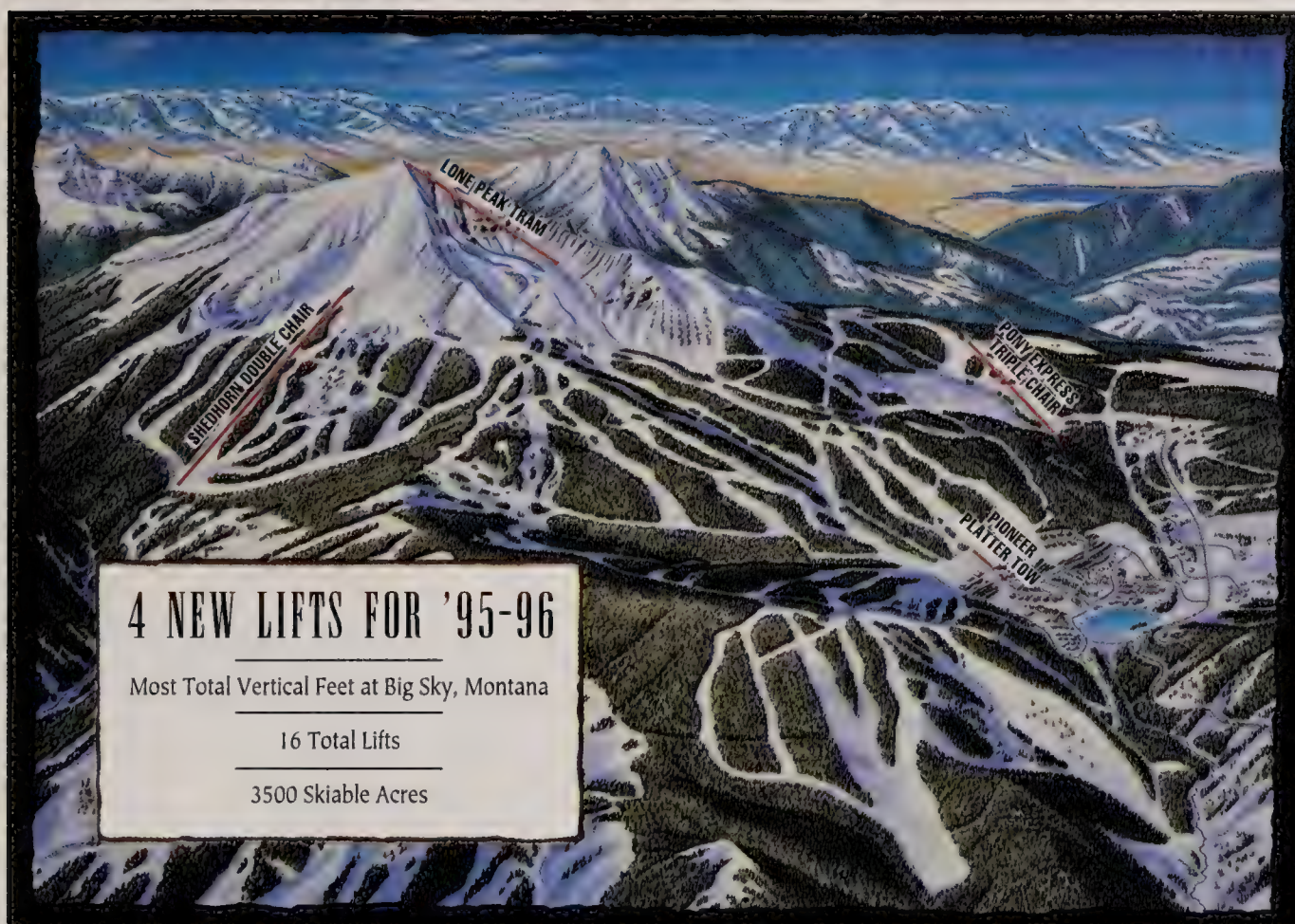
Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.

BIG SKY SKI & SUMMER RESORT

P.O. Box 160001, Big Sky, MT 59716



Reservations: 800-548-4486 or 406-995-5000



4 NEW LIFTS FOR '95-96

Most Total Vertical Feet at Big Sky, Montana

16 Total Lifts

3500 Skiable Acres

A new aerial tram to the 11,166 ft. summit of Lone Peak offers skiers the most vertical drop of any U.S. ski area.

Located between Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park, Big Sky is a premier destination resort.

Location

US 191, 43 miles S of Bozeman

Getting Here

Delta, Frontier, Horizon Air or Northwest to Bozeman

Shuttles meet most major flights

Rental cars and taxis available

Season

Mid-November to mid-April

Open daily 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Trails & Slopes

80 trails on two mountains

3,500+ acres on private land

10% beginner, 47% intermediate, 43% expert

Snowmaking on 10% of terrain

Lifts

Trams	1
Quads	2
Gondolas	2
Chairs	3 double, 3 triple, 1 quad
Surface	4

Rates

Adult	\$43
Youth 11-17	\$37
Child 10 & under	Free
(2 per paying adult)	

Rentals & Sales*

Adult	\$20/day
Child	\$14/day

3 shops on the mountain

Snowboarding equipment available

Ski Instruction

Downhill, snowboard, advanced/extreme

Group

Beginner package

(rental, lesson, rope tow)

Food & Drink

15 restaurants

11 night spots

Gourmet sleighride dinners

Dancing, ski movies and gaming

Lodging

Full accommodations on the mountain

More than 1,000 rooms and condominium units

Conference center, shops, pools, spas

Regular shuttles connect lodging and ski areas

For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

Cross-Country

Lone Mountain Ranch, world-class nordic resort

Daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park for cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing

Just for Kids

Children's Ski Day Camp combines activities, meals and skill improvement (age 5-14) \$49/day

Ski Mini-Camp (age 4-6) \$35/day

Events

Winter Carnival 2nd weekend in January

Dirt Bag Ball in February

Medical seminars, ski club groups, USSA races throughout season

Fax

406-995-5001

Snow Conditions

406-995-5900

*Subject to change

Great Ski Weeks Special
4 nights in Huntley Lodge
3 days of skiing starts at **\$233** per person, double occupancy. Includes breakfast & special programs. Valid Nov. 22-Dec. 22, 1995, and March 30-April 7, 1996



Big Sky Ski & Summer Resort

Base Elevation 6,970 ft.

Top Elevation 11,150 ft.

Vertical Drop 4,180 ft.

Longest Run 3 miles

Lift Capacity 17,180/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 400 in.

BRIDGER BOWL

15795 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715



Reservations: 800-223-9609 or 406-586-1518



Explore a big mountain with short lift lines, long runs and big bowls.

In 1994, **Ski Magazine** named Bozeman one of the top ski towns in the USA!

Gordon Wiltsie



3 days skiing/3 nights lodging starts at **\$100** per person, quad occupancy. **\$130** per person, double occupancy; excluding holidays. Other packages available – a variety of Motels, Condos, Private Homes and Bed & Breakfast Inns.

Base Elevation 6,100 ft.
Top Elevation 8,100 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,000 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 miles
Lift Capacity 7,300 skiers/hr.
Annual Snowfall (avg.) 400 in.

Location

16 miles NW of Bozeman

Getting Here

Delta, Frontier, Horizon Air or Northwest to Bozeman

Call 800-223-9609 for ski package with discounted airfare.

Car rentals – most major companies at airport
Motel shuttle offered several times daily from most Bozeman motels: \$5 roundtrip.

Season

December 9–April 7

Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Trails & Slopes

More than 60 runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes

2,000 acres on the Gallatin National Forest

Nearly 400 additional acres with 500 vertical feet for the adventurous expert on Bridger's "infamous ridge"

1/3 of lift-accessible skiing groomed

Snowmaking on lower slopes

"Mogul-cutter" grooming equipment provides smooth runs through fields of moguls

Lifts

Quads – new for '95-'96 Season 1

Chairs 5 double

Rates

Adult \$26

Senior \$18

Child \$11

Rentals & Sales

Complete package starts at \$15/day

2 sales and rental shops on the mountain; more in town

Instruction

Downhill, telemark and snowboard

Group \$20/1.5 hrs.

Private \$45/hr.

Food & Drink

Cafeteria

Full-service bar and grill

Sandwich shop

Beer stube

Food service, beer and wine at mid-mountain chalet

Many fine restaurants in Bozeman

Lodging

Some lodging on the mountain

Full accommodations in Bozeman

For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

Just for Kids

Day care (18 mos.–6 yrs.) \$20/half-day; \$35/full-day

"First Tracks" (age 4–6) lesson, lunch, rental, day care \$35/half-day; \$45/full-day

Events

Torchlight parade December 30

Bridger Bowl Birthday Party January 12

Montana Powder 8s Championship February 3-4

Wild West Shred O'Fest Snowboard

Competition February 24-25

Molson's Ski Challenge March 2

Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle

Competition March 17

Pinhead Classic Costume

Telemark Race March 23

Double Pole, Pad & Pedal Downhill,

Cross-country, Run & Cycle Event April 7

Snow Phone

406-586-2389

LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

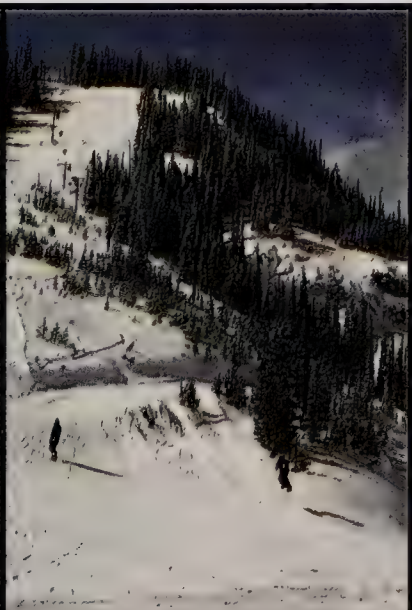
P.O. Box 311, Conner, MT 59827 406-821-3211 or 406-821-3508



Well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions, Lost Trail straddles the Montana-Idaho border in the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies.

Steve Slocomb

2 days skiing/
2 nights lodging
\$80 per person
double occupancy,
breakfast included.
Camp Creek Inn
or Lost Trail
Hot Springs



Base Elevation 6,600 ft.

Top Elevation 7,800 ft.

Vertical Drop 1,200 ft.

Longest Run 2.5 miles

Lift Capacity 1,925 skiers/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.

Location

US 93, 90 miles S of Missoula

Getting Here

Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula
Car rentals available at airport

Season

December–April
9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Thursday–Sunday and holidays

Trails & Slopes

18 runs & trails on the Bitterroot National Forest
20% beginner, 60% intermediate,
20% advanced

Lifts

Chairs 2 double
Surface 2

Rates

Adult \$17; \$13 half-day
Youth 6–12 \$8; \$6 half-day
Child under 5 Free
Rope tow \$3

Rentals & Sales

Downhill package \$10/day
Snowboard \$15/day

Instruction

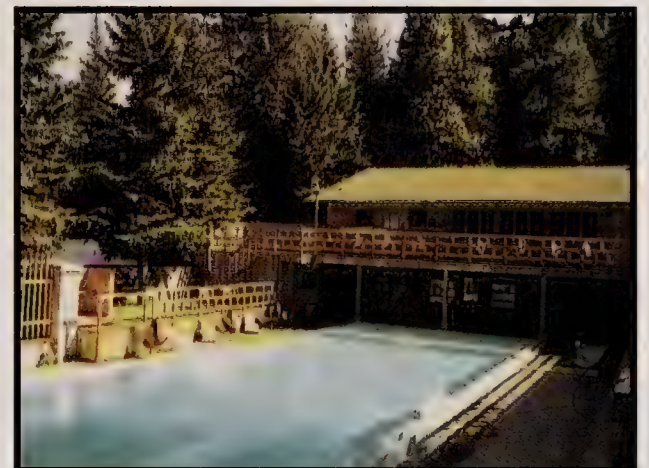
Private \$22/hr.
Inquire about group and first-timer rates

Food & Drink

Full service cafeteria at day lodge

Lodging

Lost Trail has two unique lodging facilities nearby. Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast is 9 miles north and offers both rooms and cabins



Lost Trail Hot Springs

with kitchens. Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort is 6 miles away and offers cabins, motel, condo units, restaurant, lounge, natural hot springs pool, jacuzzi and sauna. Ski packages available at both.

Camp Creek Inn, 7674 US 93 South, Sula, MT 59871, 800-351-3508


Lost Trail Hot Springs, 8321 US 93 South, Sula, MT 59871, 800-825-3574

For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

Events

Special Olympics late January
Mogul Freestyle Competition February
Winterfest/Pepsi Family Races & BBQ March
Ski Patrol Steak Fry & Dance March
Great spring skiing in April

MONTANA SNOWBOWL

P.O. Box 8226, Missoula, MT 59807  Reservations: 800-728-2695 or 406-549-9777



Deep, powdery bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream. Plenty of skiing for other skill levels, too.

Location

12 miles NW of Missoula

Getting Here

Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula
Car rentals at airport
From I-90, Reserve St. Exit, N on Grant Creek Rd., then left onto Snowbowl Rd.

Season

Late November–early April
Wednesday–Monday (closed Tuesday)

Trails & Slopes

30+ trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing
1,200 acres on the Lolo National Forest
20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced
700 acres of "extreme" skiing
Snowmaking at lower elevations

Lifts

Chairs 1 high-capacity double, 2 double
Surface 2

Rates

Adult \$24
Child \$10.50
Child 5 & under Free
Beginner tow Free
Senior, student & half-day rates

Rentals & Sales

Downhill package \$12.50/day
Snowboards \$18/day
Separate rates available
Ski accessories for sale

Instruction

Downhill, snowboard
Adult group \$15/2 hrs.
Adult private \$25/1 hr.
Pee-Wee private \$15
Beginner's package (lift, lesson, rental) \$23.50

Food & Drink

Double Diamond Cafe at base lodge
Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain
Last Run Inn Saloon

Lodging

Full accommodations in Missoula
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Just for Kids

Pandas (age 3–6)
Lift ticket, lesson, rental, lunch \$27
Day care (age 2 & up)

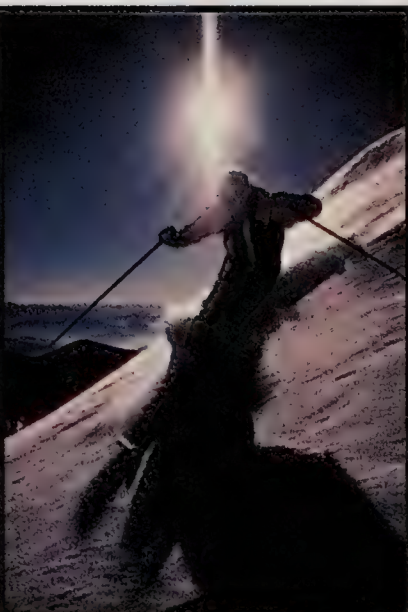
Events

Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday
Snowboard Jam February 3–4
Gelande Jump Championship ... February 24–25
Northern Division Freestyle
Championship March 3–4
Snowbowl Hexathlon March 10
Best-of-the-Bowl Race March 17

24-hr. Snow Phone

406-549-9696

2 days skiing/
2 nights lodging
starts at
\$73 per person
double occupancy.
Group packages
as low as
\$36 per person
per night for stays of
2 or more nights in
groups of 6 or more.
Other packages
available.



William Sallaz

Base Elevation: 5,000 ft.

Top Elevation: 7,600 ft.

Vertical Drop: 2,600 ft.

Longest Run: 3 miles

Lift Capacity: 3,400 skiers/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall: 300 in.

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

P.O. Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068



Reservations 800-444-8977 or 406-446-2610



This is a big mountain with lots of snow and sunshine, and a lively western town just down the road.

Red Lodge is famous for its spring skiing.

Location

US 212, 1 hr. SW of Billings

Getting Here

Delta, Horizon, Northwest, United, Frontier,
Big Sky or Sky West to Billings
Rental cars at airport
Shuttle from Red Lodge to ski area

Season

Late November–April 14

Trails & Slopes

35+ slopes, trails and open meadows covering
25 miles
500 acres on the Custer National Forest
15% novice, 60% intermediate, 25% expert
Snowmaking in early season

Lifts

Chairs 1 triple, 4 double
Surface 1

Rates

Adult \$26
Child 12 & under \$10
Senior \$18
Rates discounted to \$18 Monday and Tuesday
beginning January 2 (except holidays)
Multi-day and group rates

Rentals & Sales

Adult \$14
Child \$9
Demo/performance skis \$25/day
Snowboards available
Ski shop on the mountain

Instruction

Private \$65/2hrs.
Beginner package \$25 (lift ticket, rentals, lesson)
Adult race clinics Sunday and Thursday.

Food & Drink

2 full service restaurants
2 cafeterias
Red Lodge boasts more restaurants per capita
than any other town in Montana

Lodging

Central Reservations for custom-designed
vacations, including air, for families and
groups
For more lodging information, directory begins
on page 42

Just for Kids

SKIwee Program (age 3–6) Lift, instruction,
rentals, half-day \$30; full day \$40

Events

Nastar racing Friday–Sunday
Learn to Ski Free Day January 12
Winter Carnival March 1–3
Northern Rocky Mountain
Winter Games March 8–10

Packages start at
\$459 including

5 nights lodging,
4 days skiing, car,
sleighride and air.

Come ski anytime!

3 days skiing,

3 nights lodging

with pool & jacuzzi

for **\$118.**

Call 800-444-8977.

Packages based on

per person quad

occupancy.



Gordon Wiltsie

Base Elevation 7,400 ft.

Top Elevation 9,416 ft.

Vertical Drop 2,016 ft.

Longest Run 2.5 miles

Lift Capacity 6,690 skiers/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 250 in.

SHOWDOWN SKI AREA

P.O. Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465 Information Line: 800-433-0022 or 406-236-5522



With uncrowded slopes, short lift lines and spacious sun-soaked decks, Showdown has been a favorite with skiers for more than 50 years!

Wayne Scheer



3 days skiing/3 nights lodging
\$99 per person, quad occupancy.
Other packages available.

Base Elevation 6,800 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,400 ft.
Longest Run 2 miles
Lift Capacity 3,000 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 240 in.

Location

US 89, 10 min. S of Neihart, 1 hr. SE of Great Falls or 30 min. N of White Sulphur Springs

Getting Here

Delta, Northwest, Frontier or Horizon Air to Great Falls
Car rentals at airport

Season

Late November–early April
Wednesday–Sunday, plus these holidays:
December 20–January 1 (closed Christmas Day), January 15, February 19

Trails & Slopes

34 uncrowded runs of tree-lined trails and open slopes on the Lewis & Clark National Forest
30% beginner, 40% intermediate,
30% advanced

Lifts

Chairs 1 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

Rates

Adult \$23
Junior 6–12 \$13
Child Free
Senior 70+ \$13
Free poma lift and rope tow

Rentals & Sales

Downhill package \$15/day
(multi-day discounts)
High Performance package \$20/day
Snowboard package \$25/day
Pro shop on the mountain

Instruction

Downhill, snowboard
Group or private
Hourly, half-day, full-day

Food & Drink

Full-service cafeteria in base lodge, Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon, (balcony burgers)
Top Rock Eatery at the summit

Lodging

Nearest accommodations to the mountain are in Neihart, Monarch and White Sulphur Springs
Full accommodations in Great Falls
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 42

Cross-country

12 miles of groomed trails adjacent to downhill ski area

Snowmobiling

200 miles of groomed trails
Machine and clothing rentals at the ski area
Guided tours

Just for Kids

SKIwee Program (age 3-6) Lift, lesson, rentals, half- or full-day
Day care at the base lodge

Events

Call to find out "What's Shakin' at Showdown"

24-hr. Snow Phone

406-771-1300

FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS

1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda, MT 59711



Reservations: 800-332-3272



Fairmont Hot Springs

Fairmont Hot Springs features two Olympic-size pools and two soaking pools, all with natural hot springs water, plus Montana's only year-round 350-ft. water slide. The perfect spot to end a day of skiing or snowmobiling by soaking, relaxing or treating yourself to a massage.

Location

Off I-90, halfway between Glacier and Yellowstone national parks
20 miles W of Butte, 9 miles SW of Anaconda

Getting Here

Fly Skywest or Horizon to Butte
Rental cars, taxi and airport shuttle available to and from Fairmont

Food & Drink

Dining room, coffee shop, casino and lounge with dancing and live entertainment

Amenities

Healing massage, fitness room, game room, gift shop, banquet/meeting facilities, wildlife zoo
135 hotel rooms
Condo rentals and suites available

Skiing

Overlooking Georgetown Lake, Discovery Basin, just 30 miles NW of Fairmont, is ideally suited to all levels of skiing. Discovery features 1 triple chairlift, 3 double chairlifts and 1 pony lift. Cafeteria, bar, ski rentals & sales, ski instruction and a Kinderski program for kids (age 3-6) make Discovery an ideal family ski area. Discovery has more than 32 runs with 360 acres of skiing on the Deerlodge National Forest. Discovery is open daily, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Thanksgiving through Easter.

Cross-Country Skiing

5 km of groomed trails, many more miles of ungroomed trails. Rentals and lessons are available at Discovery Basin. Within minutes of Fairmont is the Mt. Haggin cross-country ski area, with 17 km of groomed trails, featuring both telemark & parallel terrain.

Snowmobiling

About 90 miles of snowmobile trails in the Georgetown Lake area provide lots of variety for snowmobilers, as well as opportunities for winter fishing. Snowmobile sales & service are available in Anaconda.

2 days skiing/
2 nights lodging
\$110/*\$95
per person double
occupancy.
Includes 4 water
slide passes.
800-332-3272
*mid-week



Lonnie Ball

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING.

Watch our woods fill up with snow.



Roger Wade



Scott Spiker

And watch the cross-country skiers come out of the woodwork to make tracks to Montana. With two national parks, 10 national forests, 12 wilderness areas and numerous lodges and resorts with private trail systems, there's plenty of room for everyone. Ski or skate on groomed tracks, or choose from hundreds of miles of ungroomed trails on public lands. Take a guided wildlife tour or rent a remote, forest service cabin and ski into it with your bed and board on your back. Montana's privately owned cross-country ski resorts celebrate winter with guided wilderness and wildlife tours, expertly groomed trails, professional instruction and comfortable accommodations that range from snug cabins to full-service lodges. It is no coincidence that the U.S. nordic and biathlon teams choose Montana year after year for their early season training. Or that cross-country resort visitors spend the last day of their vacation reserving their spot for next year. Cross-country skiing in Montana is Montana at its best!

The Parks in WINTER

For an unrivaled winter experience, visit Yellowstone or Glacier national parks. These rugged and pristine lands offer spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing and endless opportunities for winter adventure.

Yellowstone National Park

Explore miles of backcountry trails, steaming geyser basins and snow-mantled forests on skis. Three of Yellowstone's five entrances are in Montana—Gardiner, Cooke City and West Yellowstone. Guided ski tours, snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals are available at West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs. Two million acres await you in Yellowstone! For maps and more information, contact Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-7381.

Glacier National Park

A little less traveled are the one million acres of alpine splendor and the dozen ski trails awaiting winter visitors to Glacier. Guided tours and ski rentals are available. For maps and more information, contact Superintendent, Glacier National Park, MT 59936, 406-888-5441.



Rodney Schlecht

"And in the long winter, we know the muted music of the snows which blanket the state. A theme of hope runs through these snows because they are the principal storehouse of the state's great natural resource of water."

– Mike Mansfield, former U.S. Senator
Speech to the University of Montana, 1967

Jeff & Alexa Henry

MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

Millions of acres to enjoy.

The national forests and grasslands of Montana reach

from rugged mountain-tops and steep,

timbered canyons in western Montana to eastern prairies and badlands. When the snow covers these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

Ten downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Cross-country skiers can follow more than 600 miles (950 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride more than 2,000 miles of designated, groomed trails, or they can explore on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

Donnie Sexton



A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the locations of all 10 national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see list of addresses).

For those who seek a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located can tell you what you need to bring. For a Recreational Cabin and Lookout Directory, write or call the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region.

U.S. Forest Service Northern Region

Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807
406-329-3511

Beaverhead National Forest

420 Barrett Street
Dillon, MT 59725-3572
406-683-3900

Bitterroot National Forest

1801 North First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3131

Custer National Forest

2602 First Avenue North
P.O. Box 2556
Billings, MT 59103
406-657-6361

Deerlodge National Forest

Federal Building
P.O. Box 400
Butte, MT 59703
406-496-3400

Flathead National Forest

1935 Third Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-5401

Gallatin National Forest

Federal Building
P.O. Box 130
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-587-6701

Helena National Forest

2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59601
406-449-5201

Kootenai National Forest

506 Highway 2 West
Libby, MT 59923
406-293-8861

Lewis & Clark National Forest

110115th Street North
P.O. Box 869
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-791-7700

Lolo National Forest

Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801
406-329-3750

GROOMED SKI TOURING TRAILS

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Chief Joseph Cross Country Trails—28 mi. W of Wisdom ▪ 8 km Easiest, 14.5 km More Difficult, 2.1 Most Difficult, weekly grooming ▪ District Ranger, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243 ▪ Starts on N side of MT Hwy 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club.

LaMarche Creek—20 mi. W of Wise River ▪ 8 km Easiest, 3.4 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ Sundance Lodge, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-689-3611.

Wade Lake Ski Trails—40 mi. S of Ennis on MT Hwy 287 to Wade Lake Access Road and 6 mi. to resort ▪ 35 km, groomed ▪ District Ranger, 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59279, 406-682-4253 or Wade Lake Resort, 406-682-7560 ▪ Touring of Cliff and Wade lakes and scenic vistas of the area.

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Essex Trail Complex—Izaak Walton Inn, Essex ▪ 16.3 km Easiest, 12.5 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Hungry Horse, MT 59919, 406-387-5243 ▪ Seven trails, park at Izaak Walton Inn. Trails maintained and groomed by Izaak Walton Inn. \$5 per person trail fee.

Round Meadows—15 mi. NW of Whitefish ▪ 18 km Easiest, 2.2 km More Difficult, 3.3 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-2508 ▪ Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited, parking capacity, 10 cars. Logging may restrict or cause closure of some trails.

Blacktail Mountain—8 mi. W of Lakeside ▪ 10 km Easiest, 29.5 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5081 ▪ No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road.

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Bear Creek Road—Jardine (5 mi. above the town of Gardiner) ▪ 7 km Easiest, groomed ▪ District Ranger, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375 ▪ Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road.

Bozeman Creek—5 mi. S of Bozeman ▪ 10 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920 ▪ Snowmobiles prohibited.

Stone Creek—10 mi. NE of Bozeman ▪ 10 km Easiest, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920 ▪ Stay on groomed trail for first mile across private land, limited parking on highway, no snowmobiles.

Rendezvous Complex—West Yellowstone ▪ 16 km Easiest, daily grooming ▪ District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 ▪ Used by U.S. Olympic Team in November as official site of fall training camp. Dogs and snowmobiles prohibited.

Dead Dog Loop—West Yellowstone ▪ 5.5 km More Difficult, daily grooming ▪ District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 ▪ Access via Rendezvous system.

Windy Ridge—West Yellowstone ▪ 7 km More Difficult, grooming is in November and December only and is intermittent. ▪ District Ranger, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369 ▪ Access via Rendezvous system.

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

Hellroaring Creek Trail No. 204—29 mi. NW of Troy, Rt. 508 ▪ 8 km Easiest, 4.2 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 1437 N U.S. Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693 ▪ Parking capacity 6 cars. Trail accesses alpine ridge and ends at Hidden Lake.

Ross Creek Trail No. 4005—17 mi. S of Troy, MT Hwy 56 ▪ 11 km Easiest, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 1437 N U.S. Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693 ▪ Parking capacity 6 cars. Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1.

Bear Creek—7 mi. S of Libby ▪ 2.3 km Easiest, 1.8 km More Difficult, 1.4 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 12557 MT Hwy 37,

Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ▪ Parking capacity 20 cars. Motorized vehicles prohibited.

Rainbow Ridge—22 mi. N of Libby ▪ 2.8 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 12557 MT Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ▪ Parking capacity 10 cars, trail shared with snowmobiles.

Flatiron Summit—24 mi. N of Libby ▪ 2.8 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 12557 MT Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ▪ Parking capacity 10 cars. Motorized vehicles prohibited.

Timberlane Campground—9 mi. N of Libby ▪ 2.5 km Easiest, 0.8 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 12557 MT Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ▪ Ski play hill and sledding, picnic shelter, fire ring and firewood provided. Parking capacity 10 cars.

South Flower—4 mi. SW of Libby ▪ 4.5 km More Difficult, 0.5 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 12557 MT Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ▪ Parking capacity 4 to 8 cars.

Grave Creek Road—16 mi. SE of Eureka ▪ 35 km Easiest, 10 km More Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, U.S. Hwy 93 N, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451 ▪ Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area. Grooming branches off Grave Creek Road to Stahl and Clarence Creek roads (approx. 8 km each way), Weasel Lake (3 km) and Weasel Cabin (2 km). Grooming by Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club.

Laughing Water Creek—Adjacent to Murphy Lake Ranger Station ▪ 7.2 km Easiest, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, U.S. Hwy 93 N, Fortine (10 mi. S of Eureka), MT 59918, 406-882-4451 ▪ Limited parking. Closed to snowmobiles.

McGillivray—25 mi. NE of Libby ▪ 2.5 km Easiest, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, 12557 MT Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773 ▪ Parking capacity 5 cars, check with District for current status.

Therriault—10 mi. SE of Eureka ▪ 16 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Murphy Lake Ranger Station, Hwy 93 N, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451. Parking available at junction of Forest Service Roads 756 and 7077.

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

Two Medicine—9 mi. W of E Glacier ▪ 12 km Easiest, 2 km More Difficult, 2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341 ▪ Only parking available is along U.S. Hwy 2 right-of-way.

Silver Crest—7 mi. SE of Neihart ▪ 3.5 km Easiest, 10.3 km More Difficult, 4.2 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ District Ranger, Kings Hill Rd, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361 or Belt Creek Information Station, Neihart, MT 59465, 406-236-5511 ▪ Park in snowmobile lot near Kings Hill, 150-vehicle capacity, additional parking at Kings Hill Campground.

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

Pattee Canyon Complex—5.5 mi. SE of Missoula ▪ 1.6 km Easiest, 4 km More Difficult, 5.4 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ Missoula Area Visitor Information, Bldg. 24-A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3814 ▪ Parking capacity, 25 cars, closed to motorized vehicles. 3 trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails.

Seeley Lake Ski Trails—1 mi. NE of Seeley Lake ▪ 3 km Easiest, 12 km More Difficult, 3 km Most Difficult, intermittent grooming ▪ Ranger District, HC31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233 ▪ Snowmobiles prohibited. Parking for 12 cars. Maps available at trailhead and District Office. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails.

NOTE: Some trails are groomed irregularly. Please contact appropriate forest service office or ski club for current information before you ski. The **EASIEST**, **MORE DIFFICULT** and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. **MOUNTAIN TOURING TRAILS** are marked routes for experienced skiers only.

FORD CREEK GUEST RANCH

P.O. Box 329, Augusta, MT 59410 406-562-3672 Phone or Fax



Surrounded by national forest and the famous Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, winter home to Montana's abundant watchable wildlife. Spend your days trekking through the unspoiled Rocky Mountain Front, then return to be quietly pampered. You won't find this combination of comfort, privacy and wilderness at any other winter vacation destination. True Montana moments to treasure forever.

Location

Near Augusta on the Lewis and Clark National Forest and at the edge of the 1.5 million-acre Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, yet just 70 miles from the Great Falls International Airport. Fly in on one of the Northwest, United or Delta daily flights. We'll drive you to and from the airport so you can watch the beauty unfold.

Season

January 1 through April 30. Perfect for the watchable wildlife that winter by the hundreds in this unspoiled paradise. Perfect also for cross-country skiing to photograph or videotape graceful mountain lions and herds of majestic elk, mule deer and white-tail deer. Fill your memories and photograph albums with breathtaking scenes of bighorn sheep and agile antelope. The haunting whistle of hawks, golden eagles and bald eagles, and the cries of the falcon draw your eye to the Big Sky, where you'll watch wildlife in flight. In the evening, the distinctive yips of the coyote echo in this land where the wolf again howls. Toward the end of the season, a short drive brings you within viewing range of a host of waterfowl, numbering in the thousands.

Facilities

Look no farther than just outside your private log cabin for a spectacular scenic show—a 40-ft. waterfall glistening through the falling snow. You'll stay cozy watching the romantic firelight flickering through the glass doors of the wood stove. You'll be tempted to linger but once you sink into your queen-size bed, you'll drift happily off for a night of unbroken, restful sleep.



Gus Wolfe

Dining

An early ranch-style breakfast gets you going. We'll pack a lunch so you can stay in the field all day if you wish. When you've seen more than you ever dreamed possible, come back and we'll feed you dinner lighted by the magical winter twilight.

Trails

Groomers are not allowed in wilderness areas, so you'll break your own trail through this pristine land. Your reward is the sight and sound of the land as it was before man arrived.

Reservations

Your Ford Creek experience would be spoiled by crowds, so we accept only three couples per week at the ranch. Make your reservations as early as possible. You'll pay

a single fee of \$1,050 for your week at this unique, full-service adventure vacation ranch. Please call or write for a free color brochure and VHS or PAL video featuring our activities.

For more information:
FORD CREEK GUEST RANCH
P.O. Box 329
Augusta, MT 59410
406-562-3672
Fax 406-562-3672



Ford Creek Outfitters

IZAAK WALTON INN

P.O. Box 653-M, Essex, MT 59916 406-888-5700 Fax 406-888-5200



Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

Facilities

Relax in an Empire Builder accommodation with full private bath. Enjoy unique lodging in a charming caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

Location

At Essex, just off U.S. Hwy 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in north-west Montana. Fly Delta or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door.



Kyle Brehm

Season

Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.



Eric Hallett

Trails

More than 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially on the Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

Guide Service

Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is \$60-\$80 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment available upon request.

Day Skier Services

A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages available.

Vacation Packages

Inquire about our three-, five- and seven-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, three meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided snowshoe tour and one guided ski tour into Glacier National Park.

Events

Kick Out the Kinks USSA- sanctioned 5- and 10-km Nordic Ski Race, December 2-3; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race, March 24-25.

Reservations

Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.

For more information:

IZAAK WALTON INN

P.O. Box 653- M

Essex, MT 59916

For a brochure 406-888-5700

Fax 406-888-5200

Member Cross-Country Ski Areas Association

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

P.O. Box 160069, Big Sky, MT 59716 406-995-4644, Ext. 120 Fax 406-995-4670



A full-service, cross-country ski resort. Professionally groomed trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top quality ranch gourmet meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the cross-country skiing vacation of a lifetime. Named by **Snow Country** magazine as one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the western U.S.

Location

Big Sky, Montana—40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Frontier, Delta or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special airfares available.

Season

Ski from early December to mid-April.

Trails

75 km of professionally groomed, tilled and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. A portion of these trails lie on the Gallatin National Forest.

Naturalist-Guided Ski Trips

Naturalist-guided, all-day ski tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone. Skiing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

Nordic Ski Shop

Complete cross-country ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment. A wide selection of ski clothing, accessories, convenience items and gifts are available.

Ski Instruction

Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of skiers.

Vacation Packages

Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 70 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (seven nights) includes three complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleigh-ride dinner,



Bill Brockett

gourmet on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at \$975–\$1,240 per person, double occupancy. Reservations are required.

Day Skier Services

Day trail passes give you access to the entire trail system. Rental ski packages, nordic ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski tours and old-fashioned sleigh-ride dinners are all available to day visitors.

Sleighride Dinners

Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleighride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner, cooked in a century-old wood cookstove, and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening. Reservations required.

Reservations

It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to assure your choice of dates and accommodations.



Bill Brockett

For more information:

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

P.O. Box 160069

Big Sky, MT 59716

For a free brochure call

406-995-4644, Ext. 120

800-514-4644

Fax 406-995-4670

Member Cross-Country Ski Areas Association

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190-0165, 307-344-7311



Winter may be the most magical season of all in Yellowstone. Snow transforms the park into another world. Steam billows from the geyser basins to drift in eerie clouds through frosty air. Wildlife is abundant. The park's smaller streams and rivers are sheathed in ice and waterfalls form great arches of icicles. You haven't seen Yellowstone until you've seen Yellowstone in winter.

Location

Yellowstone National Park is located in southcentral Montana and the northwest corner of Wyoming. Fly to Bozeman; transportation is available to Mammoth Hot Springs, 80 miles away.

Season

Mammoth Hot Springs, December 20, 1995, through March 3, 1996; Old Faithful Snow Lodge, December 15, 1995, through March 10, 1996.

Average Annual Snowfall

150 inches

Average Park Elevation

7,000 feet is the average elevation with mountain highs of 11,000 feet and lower areas at 5,800 feet. Mammoth Hot Springs is 6,300 feet above sea level.

Total Park Area

3,400 square miles of protected parklands provide vistas of indescribable beauty—thermal features, wild animals, mountains, lakes, rivers and expansive views. "Have we got the country to cross!"

Trails

Groomed and tracked trails along with skied-in tracks. Miles and miles of back country trails.

Guide Service

Full-day and half-day guided cross-country ski service available. Two-person minimum.

Ski Instruction

Two-hour group lesson offered every morning and afternoon. Private lessons also available. Reservations recommended.



TW Recreational Services, Inc.

Rentals

Skis, boots, poles, gaiters and snowshoes for rent by half-day and full-day. Snowmobile rentals and snowcoach tours also available.

Facilities

Mammoth Hot Springs is a vintage facility with all rooms housed in a four-story wing and Aspen Lodge. Beautiful, newly renovated dining room and lounge. Old Faithful Snow Lodge, located next to the famous geyser it is named for, has rooms or cabins available. No phones or TVs. A great get-away spot.

Vacation Packages

Packages available in January at Mammoth Hot Springs.

For more information:

TW RECREATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

P.O. Box 165

Yellowstone National Park,

WY 82190-0165

307-344-7311

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BOHART RANCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER



Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bozeman on MT Hwy 86 in Bridger Canyon, adjacent to Bridger Bowl Ski Area, offers 25 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding, frisbee golf and Summer Biathlon, which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of Old Montana.

For more information:
BOHART RANCH
CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER
16621 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-9070

GOLDEN EAGLE LODGING AT BIG SKY



Located at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort, Golden Eagle is 45 miles south of Bozeman and neighbor to Yellowstone National Park. Out your front door you will find access to 75 km of an extensive cross-country trail system. Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, premier cross-country ski area of the Northwest, offers a variety of terrain for beginners and experts. Or ski 65 miles of exhilarating downhill on 55 runs over 2,100 acres. Our pinnacle peak, Lone Mountain, rises 11,166 feet with a vertical drop of 4,180 feet.

Golden Eagle offers the largest selection of luxury condominiums and homes in Big Sky.

Conveniently located near the cross-country track system, slopes, dining, shops and entertainment, Golden Eagle condos have panoramic mountain views, furnished kitchens and stone fireplaces. Some have access to pools, saunas and jacuzzis. Golden Eagle Lodge offers comfortable and newly remodeled rooms, with a restaurant and bar on premises, the perfect choice for those on a budget. Prices start at \$115/night for a one-bedroom condo and \$45/night in the lodge. Fly Delta or Northwest to Bozeman.

For more information:
GOLDEN EAGLE
P.O. Box 160008
Big Sky, MT 59716
800-548-4488

MOUNTAIN TIMBERS WILDERNESS LODGE



Tucked in the heart of the Rocky Mountains of northwest Montana, you'll find Mountain Timbers—a magnificent hand-hewn hideaway that provides serenity, cross-country skiing and spectacular vistas into Glacier National Park.

Beyond the calm of our lodge, winding through 260 forested acres, we're renowned for our 15k of professionally designed and groomed cross-country ski trails. Or enjoy backcountry skiing through the awesome beauty of Glacier Park, just seven miles away.

If you prefer speed to serenity, you'll find the entrance to the Canyon Creek Snowmobile Trail only minutes from our door. Downhill skiing at The Big Mountain is just 25 miles away.

When you return to our spacious lodge, built from 450-year-old logs, you'll find massive rock and stone fireplaces, comfortable sitting areas, a fully stocked library and views of 10,000-ft. peaks of Glacier Park. You'll enjoy ending your day with a game of pool, a video or a soak in our jacuzzi. After a relaxing night's sleep under a cozy down comforter, you'll awake the next morning to a complete country-style breakfast. At Mountain Timbers, you will discover the true Montana.

Open year-round, our lodge is also convenient to whitewater rafting, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, golfing, restaurants and shopping.

For more information:
MOUNTAIN TIMBERS
WILDERNESS LODGE
P.O. Box 94
West Glacier, MT 59936
800-841-3835 or 406-387-5830
Fax 406-387-5835

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RAINBOW RANCH LODGE



As you step out onto your private balcony, the first sound you hear is the rushing water of the Gallatin River. Nestled in a canyon between the Gallatin and Madison ranges and located on the banks of this majestic river, the Rainbow Ranch Lodge is a winter wonderland.

Located 40 miles south of Bozeman in the heartland of winter sports activities, the Rainbow Ranch Lodge is five miles from Big Sky Ski Resort and 40 miles from Yellowstone National Park. Minutes away you have access to world-class alpine skiing, cross-country skiing that includes more than 100km of groomed and tracked trails for skiers of all ability levels and endless backcountry opportunities. Snowmobilers will find more than 600 miles of trails to choose from, which will take them through glorious Yellowstone National Park—past lakes, steaming hot springs and possibly this vast wilderness area's abundant wildlife.

At the Rainbow Ranch Lodge, you may begin your day with a hearty breakfast. After a full day of winter activities you can return to the elegantly inviting lodge with its friendly and attentive staff and enjoy a jacuzzi, have a drink at our western bar or just relax in a comfortable chair by the warmth of the stone fireplace.

Following a delicious gourmet dinner in our dining room, you can retire to a cozy bedroom that provides all the comforts of home. With its four-poster lodgepole bed, down comforter and featherbed, it provides the perfect ending to one of many perfect days.

For more information:
THE RAINBOW RANCH LODGE
P.O. Box 160336
Big Sky, MT 59716
800-937-4132 or 406-995-4132

WADE LAKE RESORT

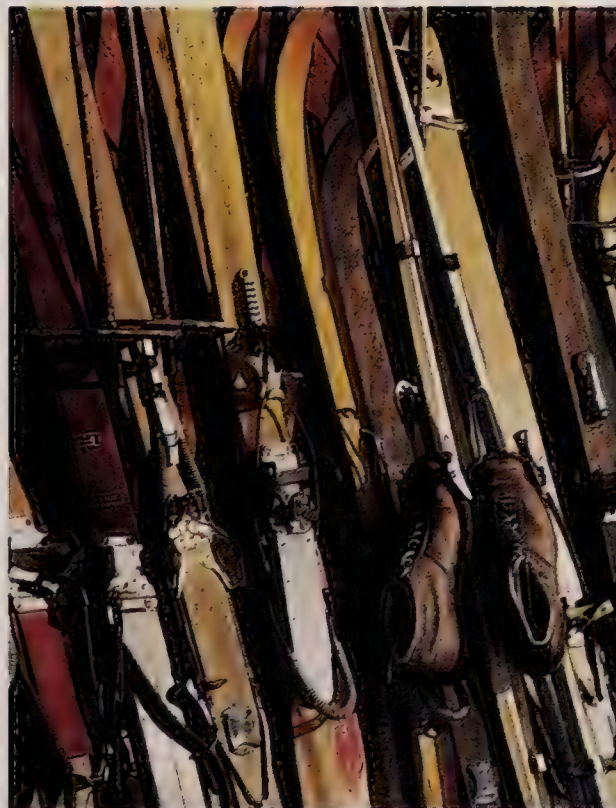


Wade Lake Resort, located in the forest on Wade Lake and a half-mile from Cliff Lake, offers an exclusive backcountry experience. Designated a Montana Wildlife Viewing Site, Wade Lake, which stays partially ice-free in the winter, provides winter habitat for bald eagles, trumpeter swans, great grey owls, ducks, geese and river otters. Share the trails only with the resident wildlife—moose, deer, coyote, bobcat, fox, porcupine, ermine, snowshoe hares and squirrels, as well as the elusive pine marten.

Our 35 km of professionally groomed and track-set trails take you along lake shores and riversides, through valleys, aspen groves and old-growth fir forests, and over wide, open rolling hills with spectacular views of tall peaks. Marked and groomed trails are designed for skiers of all ability levels. There are also endless backcountry opportunities in this area of the Beaverhead National Forest.

Accommodations are in one of five fully equipped cabins. Dine in the lodge or prepare your own meals. We provide a six-mile shuttle from U.S. Hwy 287 and the Madison River, or have us shuttle your gear while you ski in.

For more information:
WADE LAKE RESORT
P.O. Box 107
Cameron, MT 59720
406-682-7560



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YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES



Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. The impatient crowds and harried pace of summer are gone. Large numbers of animals have slowly moved down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins. Now is the time to see Yellowstone at its best.

Yellowstone Alpen Guides offers daily tours aboard warm, comfortable, 10-passenger traditional snowcoaches and new snow vans.

Alpen Guides is located in West Yellowstone at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Fly into Bozeman and rent a car, or relax and enjoy the 90-mile trip through scenic Gallatin Canyon on one of the regularly scheduled bus trips from Bozeman to West Yellowstone. Access is easy from Big Sky via your private car or regularly scheduled bus service.

Tours depart daily at 9am from mid-December through early March for all-day snowcoach adventures and skier drops to Old Faithful or the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Tours include special vacation packages, including a three-day wildlife viewing tour with overnight at the Old Faithful Snowlodge. Guided ski tours are also available every Wednesday, or any day for groups of six or more.

For more information:
YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES
P.O. Box 518M
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
Phone & Fax 406-646-9591
800-858-3502

SNOWMOBILING.

3,700 miles of public trails.



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The Cold, Hard (Packed) Facts

The Montana snowmobiling season is from mid-December to April, with some variation, of course, due to yearly snow fluctuations and location.

Snow conditions are powdery early in the season, with hardpack developing as the season progresses.

Temperatures vary widely, but generally average in the 20s to 30s range, although it's common for the mercury to dip below zero.

Snow depths range from one to three feet at lower elevations and from six to 15 feet in the mountains.

Snowmobiles on public land must be registered and display a decal. Snowmobiles currently registered in other states are not required to display a Montana registration decal. For snowmobiles not currently registered, a non-resident, temporary-use permit is required and can be obtained by

calling Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks headquarters at 406-444-2535.

Snowmobilers riding on plowed streets that are open to snowmobile traffic must have a driver's license or possess a snowmobile safety certificate and travel with an adult.

With some of the longest, most scenic groomed trails in the nation, Montana offers the perfect destination for snowmobilers.

Imagine riding all day without crossing a highway! Montana greets snowmobilers with the enviable choice of 3,700 miles of groomed trails. This impressive network is the result of years of hard work and dedication on the part of the Montana snowmobiling community.

This community falls under the umbrella of the Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA), a group of individuals, snowmobile clubs and businesses dedicated to ensuring that snowmobiling in Montana remains a fun, safe and enriching experience for everyone. MSA volunteers donate their time educating other riders about safety, outdoor survival and avalanche awareness. Others host fun rides, charity rides and special events throughout the season. In short, these snowmobile enthusiasts work hard so snowmobilers can play hard! So explore our snowy mountains and meadows, backcountry lakes, steaming hot springs and legendary ghost towns. Or catch a glimpse of Montana's varied wildlife. But please, do so at a distance. Winter is difficult enough for these birds and animals without the stress of human encroachment.

For more information about snowmobiling in Montana, contact:

**Montana Snowmobile Association,
P.O. Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806.**

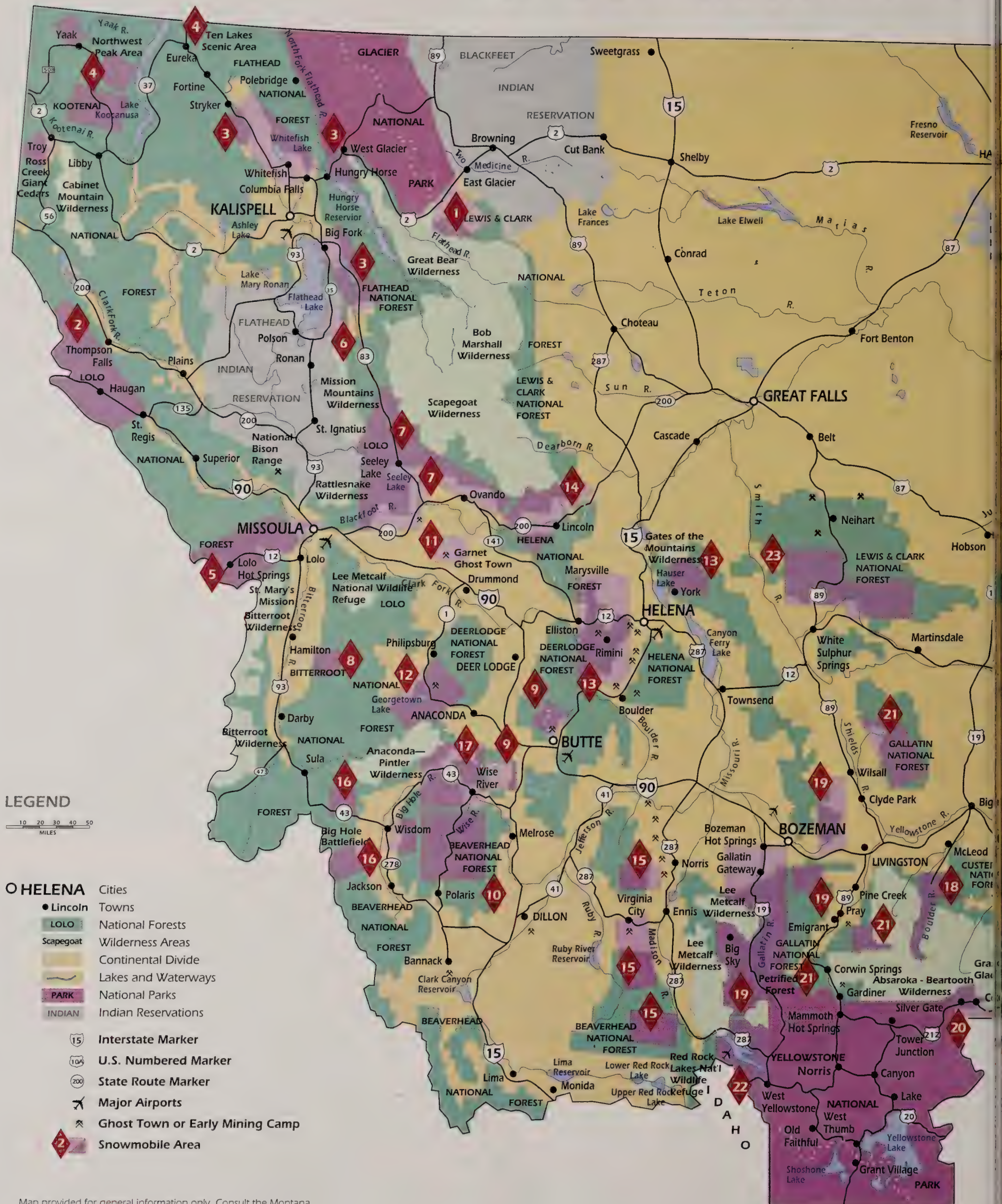
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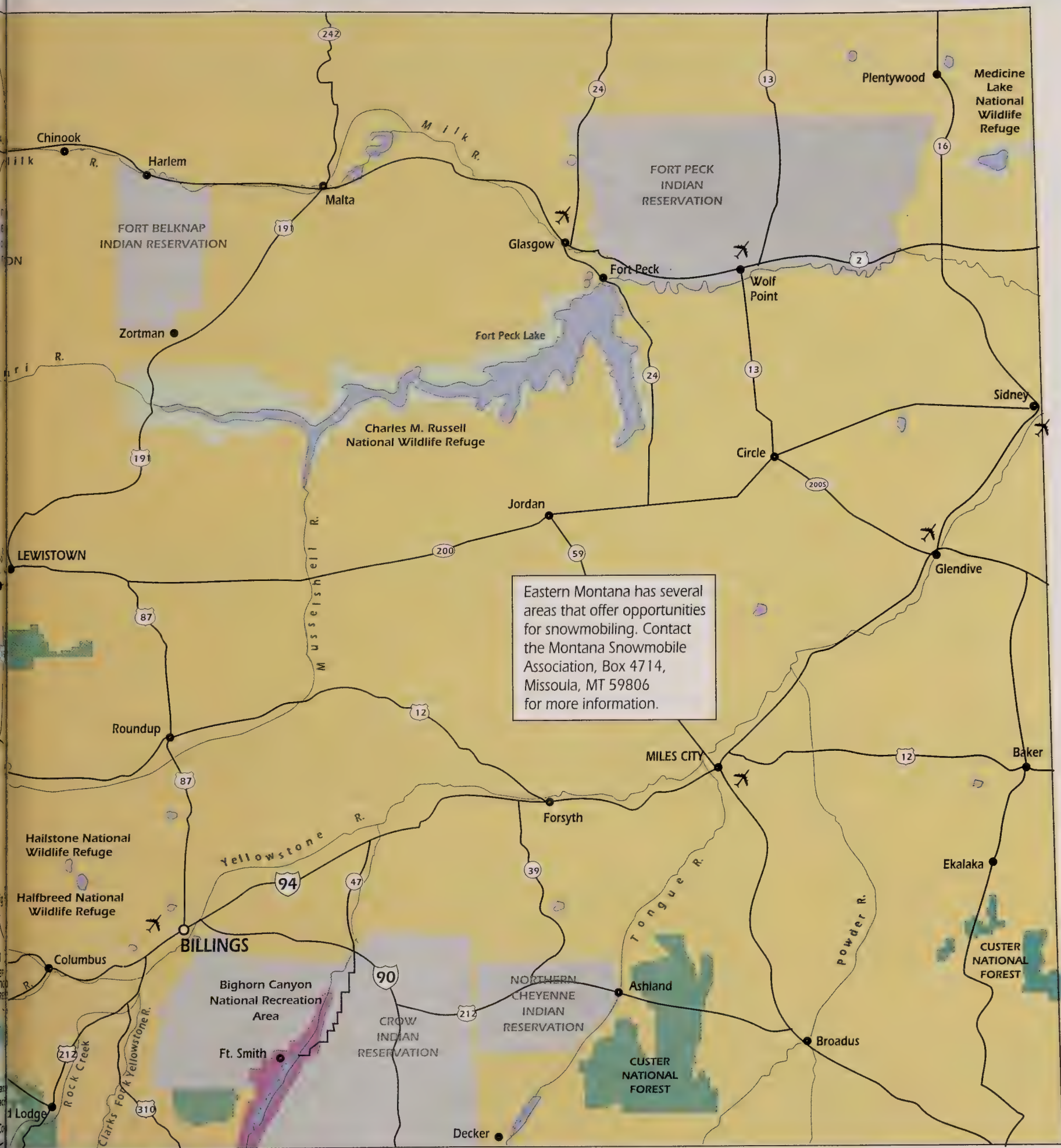
"Cold as it was, those clear days were lovely – a world of every shade of blue imaginable, gold, silver and white. Blue shadows were in every pocket and dip in the white snow."

– Spike Van Cleve
A Day Late and a Dollar Short

SNOWMOBILING AREAS



Map provided for general information only. Consult the Montana Official Highway Map for accurate and detailed information



Road closed in Winter









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SNOWMOBILING AREAS

(For detailed information about these areas, see charts on pages 30-35.)



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SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
CUT BANK 	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on U.S. Hwy 2. Amtrak has scheduled east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from novice to expert, on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes and sudden storms make for extreme weather conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	45 miles
HAUGAN/ THOMPSON FALLS 	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana, 90 miles west of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles east of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls, with designated trails, open meadows, scenic views and abundant wildlife. One main loop connects with the Wallace, Idaho system.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'. Thompson Falls-Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	90 miles
KALISPELL/ COLUMBIA FALLS 	Kalispell is at the junction of U.S. Hwy 93 and U.S. Hwy 2 in northwest Montana. Fly into Kalispell or drive U.S. Hwy 93 north-south or U.S. Hwy 2 east-west. Amtrak has daily east-west rail service to Whitefish, 15 miles north.	Within an hour's drive of its hub city of Kalispell, there is snowmobiling in the Flathead National Forest, downhill and cross-country skiing at The Big Mountain, ski touring in Glacier National Park and ice fishing in scenic settings. Take the Canyon Creek Trail starting near Columbia Falls. You'll climb the back side of The Big Mountain to the Summit House in time for lunch.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	220 miles
LIBBY/ TEN LAKES SCENIC AREA 	Libby is on U.S. Hwy 2 in extreme northwest Montana. Nearest airports are Kalispell, 90 miles east on U.S. Hwy 2 and Spokane, 130 miles west on U.S. Hwy 2. Eureka is 66 miles northwest of Kalispell.	High in the Cabinet and Purcell mountains, you can ride forever and see even farther. Headquarters for this year-round recreation area is the Scandinavian town of Libby, home of miners, loggers and all who love the outdoors. If you're looking for the "real" Montana, you'll find it here or in the neighboring towns of Troy, Eureka, Fortine or Yaak. Check on trail conditions before going out, as trails are groomed intermittently.	Libby, 2,086'; trails to 5,800'. Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	135 miles
LOLO PASS 	Lolo Pass is on U.S. Hwy 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass seven miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	250 miles
MISSION MOUNTAINS 	Ronan is between Missoula and Kalispell on U.S. Hwy 93 in western Montana. Nearest airports are Missoula, 55 miles south, and Kalispell, 65 miles north.	Few people are content merely to look at the Mission Mountains. Maybe more than any other mountain range in Montana, these jagged peaks beckon visitors to come closer and explore. It should be noted that because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the Mission Mountains Wilderness Area.	Ronan, 3,200'; trails to 7,000'	45 miles
SEELEY LAKE 	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT Hwys 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT Hwys 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT Hwy 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
SKALKAHO 	Access to the Skalkaho snowmobile area is two miles south of Hamilton, then 15 miles east on Skalkaho Hwy 38. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on U.S. Hwy 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is located in Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	56 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are Two Medicine, Skyland and Pike Creek . These are rugged trails on the Lewis & Clark and Flathead national forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile service and rentals, lodging and food are available at Essex, 15 miles west on U.S. Hwy 2; lodging and food at East Glacier, 12 miles east.	Cut Bank Snogoers , Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427, Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce , Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041, Lewis & Clark National Forest , 1101 15th St. N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; Rocky Mountain Ranger District , Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
In Haugan, popular groomed trails on the Lolo National Forest are Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Packer Creek/Timber Creek, Norpac, Milwaukee/Dominion, Deer Creek/Up Up and Taft Summit . These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow waterline routes and provide loop tours with access to meadows and play area.	Fuel, food and lodging are available in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls. Snowmobile sales and full service in Heron, 40 miles from Thompson Falls, and in Wallace, Idaho	Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club , Box 420242 Haugan, MT 59842, 406-678-4242; Superior Ranger District , Lolo National Forest, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce , Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930
Canyon Creek to The Big Mountain begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the Olney Creek and Taylor Creek trails. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the Desert Mountain area, and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, are the Crane Mountain and Allard areas. Avalanche dangers exist in some areas and may result in trail closures.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Lodging facilities range from small, independent motels to deluxe accommodations. Kalispell features a convention center.	Columbia Falls Area Chamber of Commerce , Box 312 Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2072; Flathead National Forest , 1935 3rd Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-5401; Flathead Snowmobile Assoc. , Box 5041, Kalispell, MT 59903, 406-756-6139, Flathead Convention and Visitors Association , 800-543-3105; Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce , 15 Depot Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901 406-752-6166; South Fork Snowmobile Assoc. , Box 443 Hungry Horse, MT 59919, 406-387-9090; Whitefish Chamber of Commerce , Box 1120, 525 E. Third St., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3501
There's the rugged Keeler-Rattle trail system with its magnificent views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and proposed Scotchman Peak Wilderness; the Purcell Mountains with 60 miles of loop trails and play areas, all near Turner Mountain ski area, and the Pete Creek Trail that travels to mountain bowls and alpine lakes. Another popular trail is the 36-mile Grave Creek Road with great views of Glacier.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka and Fortine. Snowmobile service is available in Eureka, Fortine and Libby, with snowmobile sales in Libby. Guided tours can be arranged through the Lincoln County Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club.	Libby Ranger District , Kootenai National Forest, 12557 MT Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773, Three Rivers Ranger District , Kootenai National Forest, 1437 N. U.S. Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693, Libby Chamber of Commerce , Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-3832; Lincoln County Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club , 2072 Iron Creek Rd., Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-5858; Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club , Box 131, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4474
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. East Fork, Lost Creek System, Elk Meadows, Moose Ridge, Cooper Creek and Wagon Mountain are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging, swimming and RV camping are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile rentals, sales and service, are available in Missoula.	Missoula Ranger District , Lolo National Forest, Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; Powell Ranger District , Clearwater National Forest, Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113, Missoula Snowgoers , 5309 Rattlesnake Dr., Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-4558; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau , 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465.
The Boulder Trail starts just off MT Hwy 35 near Finley Point on Flathead Lake; the first 10 miles are groomed to the top of the range, where the trail connects with nearly 60 miles of ungroomed trails through forest openings. The ungroomed Jocko Lake Trail provides a 35-mile ride over the Missions that connects with groomed trails on the Seeley Lake side.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in Ronan. The nearest rentals are in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Guided tours may be arranged through the Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club in Ronan. A wide variety of food and lodging services are available throughout the Mission and Flathead valleys	Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club , 112 Main St. S.W. Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5000
Popular trails include Double Arrow Lookout , with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; Elsina Lake , site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile Club; Seeley Lake-Ovando , a favorite for those who like to dine and dash; Marshall Lake , a scenic 15-mile loop and Holland Lake , a high elevation ride that rewards its finishers with a friendly lodge and cabins on a beautiful lake.	Snowmobile sales, service, guides and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Lodging available at Holland Lake Lodge. Limited services are available on the trail.	Seeley Lake Ranger District , Lolo National Forest, HC31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233, Seeley Lake Driftriders , Box 174, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce , Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880
Skalkaho Pass Area offers 25 miles of groomed trails. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. The Skalkaho-Sleeping Child-Rye Creek Area has 31 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	Bitterroot National Forest Office , 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3131, Darby Ranger District , Bitterroot National Forest , Box 388, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce , 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400; Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club , Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-4689

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AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
DEER LODGE 	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in west-central Montana. Accessed from I-90. Nearest airport is Butte.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	40 miles
DILLON/ POLARIS 	33 miles northwest of Dillon, off Route 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT Hwy 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valley region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	200 miles
GARNET 	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either MT Hwy 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	Less than a century ago, a prosperous gold mining town that boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops and homes for more than a thousand residents. Today, thanks to the Garnet Preservation Association and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, a 100-mile trail system has opened the town to snowmobilers and skiers, providing a link to an important era in the development of the Rocky Mountain West. Enjoy spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Pintler Range.	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	100 miles
GEORGETOWN LAKE 	Pintler Scenic Route (MT 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing, and downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake and fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	90 miles
HELENA 	Helena is at the junction of I-15, U.S. Hwy 12 and U.S. Hwy 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or U.S. Hwy 287 north-south or U.S. Hwy 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns, high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	245 miles
LINCOLN 	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT Hwy 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west, and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Route 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse and then explore more than 160 miles of groomed trails in the popular winter sports area around Lincoln. Eight major trail systems start right in town where sledding is permitted on streets and roads. Head over Huckleberry Pass to another 230 miles of groomed trails in the Seeley Lake area.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	160 miles
VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS 	Ennis is on U.S. Hwy 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on U.S. Hwy 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
WISDOM/ JACKSON 	Junction of MT Hwy 43 and Route 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, assuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
The snowmobile trailhead is eight miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 40 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White Horse and other points of interest.	Food, lodging, fuel and vehicle repair in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile repair in Butte, 40 miles east.	Deerlodge Ranger District, Deerlodge National Forest, 91 N. Frontage Rd., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 406-846-1770; Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club, Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Trails to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the Wisdom/Jackson trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom/Jackson), and head north to the Wise River trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to Reservoir Lake you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging, fuel, guide service, snowmobile and clothing rentals available at Polaris. Food, lodging, fuel, snowmobile sales and service available in Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins at Bear and Reservoir Lakes. Cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing nearby.	Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest , 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-3900; Beaverhead Sno-Riders , Box 867, Dillon, MT 59825, 406-683-6333 or 406-683-2205
The core of this trail system is the 31.5-mile Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail , which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area. Secondary trails, including First Chance Gulch , Top O'Deep , Chamberlain Creek , take recreationists to higher elevations.	There are no commercial services in Garnet. Cabin rentals are available (during winter only) through the Garnet Preservation Association. A full range of services, including snowmobile sales, rentals and service, are available in Missoula, 30 miles west on MT 200 and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Garnet. Guided tours on request.	Garnet Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management , 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3914; Garnet Preservation Association , Box 8531, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-1031; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau , 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
Four major trail systems include Carp Ridge , which ends at the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness boundary; Peterson Meadows , a popular spot for cookouts and picnics; Red Lion Racetrack Lake with ridgetop views of surrounding peaks; and Echo Lake , halfway between Georgetown Lake and Discovery Basin ski area. Other popular trails are Storm Lake , Moose Lake and Warm Springs Creek .	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda. Guided tours may be arranged through the Anaconda Snowmobile Club.	Philipsburg Ranger District, Deerlodge National Forest , Box H, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-3211; Anaconda Snowmobile Club, 150 Fireweed Ln., Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-7945
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30 minute drive of Helena. The Marysville area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the Minnehaha-Rimini area with 120 miles of groomed trails. Northeast of Helena, there are 45 miles of groomed trails in the Magpie-Sunshine area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest , 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5490; Helena Snowdrifters , 1813 N. Oakes, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-2685; Helena Chamber of Commerce , 225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120
Popular trails include scenic Huckleberry Pass , which connects two extensive trail systems in Lincoln and Seeley Lake ; Dalton Mountain , an easy trail with lots of play areas; Keep Cool , a scenic lake tour; and Alice Creek , a scenic route with play areas. There are a few restricted areas but lots of play areas and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, rentals and service, lodging and food are all available in Lincoln. Guided tours can be arranged through the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club.	Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest , Box 219 Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4265; Ponderosa Snow Warriors , Box 955, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4230 or 406-362-4527
The 54-mile Gravelly Range trail system in the Beaverhead National Forest follows Alder Gulch Canyon and leads you to old mining claims and the ghost town of Summit City. Side trips include the Bachelor Creek Loop , Clover Meadows and Axolotl Lake . Experienced snowmobilers may sled to seven high mountain lakes with high rock faces in the Meadow Creek area. Antelope Basin/MT Hwy 87 can be accessed from Cliff Lake Lodge for 75 miles groomed trail.	Food, fuel and lodging, snowmobile rentals and service available in Ennis. Bed & breakfast in Virginia City.	Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest , 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-4253; Madison Valley Snow Snakes , Box 106, Cameron, MT 59720, 406-682-7152; Outback and Beyond Trail Club , Box 1314, Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-7335; Vigilante Snowmobilers , Box 145, Virginia City, MT 59755, 406-843-5484 or 406-682-7755
Join the popular Wise River-Polaris Trail (see Dillon/Polaris) and Wise River trails (see Wise River) or the Steel Creek trails just east of Wisdom or head west on the Gibbonsville Road , which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The Placer Creek Trail crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the Stewart Meadow Complex in this system.	Food, lodging and fuel in Wisdom and Jackson. Snowmobile sales and service in Jackson.	Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest , Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243; Big Hole Snowmobile Club , Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3400

SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
WISE RIVER 	MT Hwy 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail, or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River.	Wise River, 5,500'; trails to 8,000'	150 miles
BIG TIMBER 	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in south-central Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 60 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence and over 25 miles of groomed trail south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful roaded corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber, 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	34 miles
BOZEMAN/ BIG SKY 	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or U.S. Hwys 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
COOKE CITY/ SILVER GATE 	Extreme south-central Montana on U.S. Hwy 212. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 140 miles northwest on I-90, U.S. 89 and Mammoth-Cooke City Hwy. Car access is through northern Yellowstone National Park. U.S. 212 Hwy, east of Cooke City, is closed in winter.	A friendly community of "80 people, dogs, moose and an occasional bison." Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
LIVINGSTON 	Junction of I-90 and U.S. Hwy 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges—the Absarokas and the Crazies—provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons and top-of-the-world views.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	84 miles
WEST YELLOWSTONE/ GARDINER 	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of U.S. Hwys 191/287 and U.S. Hwy 20. Gardiner is on U.S. Hwy 89 north of Yellowstone. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 200 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside. The town of Gardiner is just outside the park's North Entrance, which is another access point to park trails.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	600 miles
KINGS HILL/ LITTLE BELTS 	U.S. Hwy 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on U.S. Hwys 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area and the trailheads to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains 65 miles south of Great Falls. Great hill climbing and challenging ungroomed trails await more experienced snowmobilers, with gentle groomed loops set up for the new riders and the families who enjoy getting out to ride in the clear crisp air of our beautiful Big Sky country.	7,000' at parking lot; trails 6,000' to 8,000'	225 miles

Snowmobiling information in this guide was provided by the following: the Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. 32nd, Billings, MT 59107, 406-255-2938; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, 406-444-2535; the Montana Snowmobile Association, P.O. Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806; and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service-Northern Region, Federal Building, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-329-3511

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Trails include Quartz Hill, leading to a massive, high plateau; Anderson Meadows, which leads to backcountry lakes and a rental cabin. Pattengail travels eight miles to Pattengail Falls. Lacy Creek has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Other trails are Bryant Creek and the Highline with cabin rental available.	Snowmobile sales and service in Wise River. Fuel, food and lodging in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polaris trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club.	Wise River Ranger District, Beaverhead National Forest , Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3178; Wise River Jackpine Savages , Box 115, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3258
Two trails provide plenty of variety in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. The 25-mile Boulder Canyon Trail takes snowmobilers to bowls, meadows and the abandoned mining town of Independence. The upper seven miles are moderate to difficult. Shorter and easier is the East Boulder-Dry Fork Trail with extensive play areas along its seven-mile length.	Snowmobile sales and service, food and lodging are available in Big Timber.	Big Timber Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5155; Sweet Grass County Recreation Association , Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5319
Included in the system is the 120-mile Big Sky Snowmobile Trail between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. Buck Creek Ridge , off U.S. Hwy 191 south of Big Sky, provides miles of excellent play area. Forest Service rental cabin on top of Yellow Creek Divide. North of town are the Brackett-Fairy Lake and Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge trails.	A full range of services is available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon. Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky. Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association.	Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , 3710 Fallon St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920; Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association , 409 S. Grand, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-3437; Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce , Box B, 1205 E. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-5421
Popular connecting trails are Daisy Pass Road , Lulu Pass Road , Round Lake and Henderson Mountain . The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, lodging and food are available in Cooke City. Shuttle service between Cooke City and Mammoth is available for snowmobilers. Guided tours may be arranged through the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club.	Gardiner Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375; Yellowstone National Park , WY, 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206; Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club , Box 1037, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2246
20-mile Shields Loop , with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 15-mile Cottonwood/Trespass Trail ; the Ibex Cabin Trail , also with Forest Service cabin rental; the Mill Creek ; and the Rock Creek South , with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston. Rentals are available in Gardiner and at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park, about an hour south of Livingston on U.S. Hwy 89. Guided tours may be arranged through the Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club.	Livingston Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , Route 62, Box 3197, Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1892; Big Sky Snowriders , 318 S. 5th St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1863 or 406-222-2676; Livingston Chamber of Commerce , 212 W. Park St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-0850
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the Grand Loop , which takes you to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, Norris Geyer Basin and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin, Beaverhead and Targhee forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner. Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available.	West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce , Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7701; Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369; Yellowstone National Park , WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206
Popular loop trails are Divide Road , Kings Hill and Big Loop , all with big powder play areas, unforgettable panoramic views and fun side trails for all levels of riders. Other popular trails are Deadman , Lamb Creek and Jumping Creek . Joining Kings Hill from the East is the Little Belt Trail, that follows the South Fork of the Judith and includes the large hill climbing/play area of Musselshell Hill.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging in Great Falls and Lewistown. Snowmobile rentals and lunch at Showdown. Fuel, food and lodging in Lewistown, White Sulphur Springs, Monarch and Neihart. Guided tours available. A parking area, large enough to accommodate RVs is located on U.S. Hwy 89, with overflow parking in the area as well.	Kings Hill Ranger District, Lewis & Clark National Forest , 204 West Folsom, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361; Great Falls Snowmobile Club , Box 6032, Great Falls, MT 59406; Little Belt Snowmobile Club , Box 355, Hobson, MT 59452 or 648 N.E. Washington, Lewistown, MT 59457.

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U.S. Highways 2 and 93 are open year-round. Amtrak serves the Flathead several times a week. Delta, Northwest and Horizon airlines provide air service to Glacier Park International Airport. Bring your snowmobile or rent one of ours.



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For area information or a Flathead Snowmobile Guide: THE FLATHEAD CONVENTION & VISITOR ASSOCIATION

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MEADOW LAKE RESORT

100 St. Andrews Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912  800-321-4653 Fax 406-892-0330

In the heart of the Flathead Valley, you'll find a first-class resort with miles of groomed cross-country skiing just off your deck, and just minutes from the best snowmobiling found in the north-western United States.

Facilities

Enjoy first-class accommodations ranging from the Inn at Meadow Lake, to condominiums and private villas with fireplaces and kitchens. Pamper yourself in a private hot tub on your deck while overlooking the Whitefish or Swan mountain ranges. Whether fine dining at Tracy's or country club casual at Milligan's Bar & Grill, every meal is carefully prepared to your satisfaction. Not only do children under 16 stay free, but there are adult-supervised activities and a recreation center with year-round pool and spa to relax, and more.

Location

Meadow Lake Resort is located in north-west Montana, just one mile off U.S. Hwy 2, 11 miles north of Kalispell, seven miles east of Whitefish, and borders Flathead National Forest. Fly Northwest, Delta or Horizon to Glacier Park International Airport/Kalispell. Free airport and Amtrak shuttle service available with 48-hour notice.

Season

Snowmobiling and skiing December through April (weather permitting). Meadow Lake Resort is a year-round resort featuring golf April through October.

Trails

More than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the Flathead National Forest and Stillwater State Forest, with main access just a few minutes from Meadow Lake Resort. In addition to Meadow Lake Resort's nordic trail system, there are six cross-country trail systems within one-half hour of the resort. These areas range from wide, open meadows east of Whitefish to mountain terrain in Glacier National Park, and accommodate all levels of ability.



Roger Wade



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Vacation packages

Guests at Meadow Lake enjoy complimentary passes on the resort's nordic trail system, and packages which include lift tickets and free shuttle service to The Big Mountain, Montana's largest ski area. Our reservations department can make arrangements for snowmobile rentals.

For Reservations

It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible so that you get the accommodations and dates desired.

For more information:

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Location

West Yellowstone is the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park, located on Montana's southern border near Wyoming and Idaho. Fly to Bozeman. Convenient daily bus service available for the 90-mile drive through beautiful Gallatin Canyon.

Season

Yellowstone National Park is open to snowmobile traffic (no automobiles allowed except for short northern route) from mid-December through early March. Snowmobiling in the surrounding national forests is available earlier and later.

Total Area

Snowmobiles are permitted only on groomed trails within Yellowstone's 3,400 square miles. In the national forests, riding is allowed both on and off trails on thousands of additional square miles.

Trails

Yellowstone National Park has more than 200 miles of well marked and patrolled trails. An additional 250 miles outside of the park in Montana interconnect with hundreds of miles groomed by the state of Idaho.

Guide Service

Full-day starting at \$150 per guide per day.

Instruction

Non-snowmobilers are encouraged to come! Machine operation is simple. Full instruction given to each person renting a snowmobile.

Vacation Packages

Full snowmobile packages, beginning day of your choice, include lodging, use of snowmobile, guide service, rental snow-



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mobile clothing and one prime rib dinner. Packages start at four nights/three days. For reservations, contact your travel agent or Yellowstone Tour & Travel.

Lodging Only

Comfortable accommodations in West Yellowstone at The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel and Three Bear Lodge/Restaurant. Fully carpeted rooms feature color/cable television, room phones and full baths, some with in-room jacuzzis. Each property has whirlpools and swimming pool.

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Yellowstone Tour & Travel

Snowcoach Touring

New, heated 12-passenger vans have been converted to snowcoaches with skis instead of tires for smooth gliding over the snow. This is a great way to see Yellowstone, its animals and geological formations in winter. Bring cold-weather clothes and boots for brief walks to points of interest and to lunch breaks at restaurants. Trips are available to Old Faithful and to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

For more information:
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Every season presents a new Yellowstone to be explored and enjoyed. Sightseeing, fishing, horseback riding, boating and river rafting in the summer. Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowcoach and dog sledding excitement in the winter. Spectacular colors in the fall and the magical rebirth of spring.

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Think of us when planning your snowmobile or snowcoach getaway, or are looking for the excitement of a dog sled ride. We offer new snowmobiles every season, clothing, guide service and complete snowmobile packages.

Open year-round, The Big Western Pine is located in West Yellowstone at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

For more information:
THE BIG WESTERN PINE
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CANYON CREEK CAT HOUSE



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Take a day off from skiing at The Big Mountain and enjoy a snowmobile ride up to the Summit House Restaurant. You can have lunch or take one of our dinner tours. There's no better way to enjoy it all than on a snowmobile.

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The Main Lodge, overlooking a spacious meadow, offers a spectacular view of both the Mission Mountains to the east and the Swan Range to the west. Snowmobile right from your cozy room or cabin and enjoy easy access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Rentals available.

Ski across the meadow and through our scenic golf course on groomed trails. Rentals available.

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Summer activities include golf, horseback rides, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, hiking and watercraft rentals on Seeley Lake.

Double Arrow Lodge offers a variety of lodging options—rooms in the Main Lodge, rooms in cabins, cabins and two full-sized lodges.

Experience the ultimate Montana winter vacation.

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GRIZZLY DISCOVERY CENTER



The majestic grizzly bear is a rare sight in Yellowstone National Park. The Grizzly Discovery Center offers visitors a chance to view several brown bears, including the grizzly, in a natural habitat. Located in West Yellowstone, the Grizzly Discovery Center is designed to educate the public about bear behavior and human/bear conflicts. A portion of each ticket and gift sales goes into the International Grizzly Fund, which sponsors conservation programs for wild bears. Inside the Center, a visitor may watch a number of films about bears and other wildlife. These videos are appropriate for all ages. Within the exhibit area, one can read about the history of bears in the park, see actual skulls of bears and learn safety techniques necessary for visiting bear country. Children will enjoy listening to educational messages, placing their hands in the "feel box," and discovering a sleeping bear in a walk-in den! Shoppers will enjoy the unique, quality bear-related items featured in the gift store.

Outside the Center, guests may observe and photograph the bears in a one-acre habitat. The habitat consists of two ponds, a running stream, rocks, trees and deadfall. The bears display behaviors similar to those in the wild. The Center is open all year, so winter visitors can watch the bears frolic and play in the snow. Admission prices are effective all day so one can return at any time to view a different group of bears. Staff members present informational talks near the viewing area about problem bears, bear attacks, bear senses, habitat, diet and bears in Native American mythology.

For an animal enthusiast wanting to learn more about the elusive grizzly or just bears in general, the Grizzly Discovery Center provides a rare opportunity to not only observe live bears, but also to learn about their behaviors, history and potential future.

For more information:
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LOON'S ECHO RESORT



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Ice skating, sledding or fishing are just some of the activities you can enjoy without leaving the property. Whether you are interested in a quiet weekend or an action packed winter getaway, Loon's Echo is truly a Montana winter wonderland! Open year-round.

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MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS



Looking for the special snowmobile vacation away from the hectic pace and crowds? Then look no further than Montana High Country Tours. In our winter wonderland, it's not uncommon to spend the entire day snowmobiling without seeing another person. We have miles of easy riding with breathtaking scenery for the beginner, and unlimited backcountry trails, parks, bowls and alpine peaks with unrivaled skytop views awaiting the experienced rider!

Out our back door, we have more than 200 miles of groomed trails, countless miles of ungroomed trails and nearly half a million acres of Montana's most pristine backcountry. There are mountain lakes by the score, scenic vistas that you will never forget, abandoned ghost towns to explore, abundant wildlife to view, smooth trails and untracked powder to play in!

We offer every imaginable detail for your snowmobile vacation, including snowmobile rentals (new Polaris sleds, many with electric start and reverse), fuel, complete head-to-toe clothing rental, licensed guide service, deluxe private lodge with indoor jacuzzi, delicious western meals and airport shuttle service. Packages available. Come experience it for yourself!

Montana Snow Pack participant

For more information:
MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS
1036 East Reeder St.
Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-4920 or 406-834-3469



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AN INSIDE TRACK: THE MONTANA SNOW PACK CLUB



Looking for a new Montana snowmobiling getaway this winter? Gold West Country in southwest Montana offers snowmobilers spectacular scenery, challenging territory and the opportunity to join the Montana Snow Pack. Membership is free and without obligation, entitling you to discounts of up to 15% on rooms, meals, sled rentals and other goodies at participating merchants in two different snowmobile areas.

Lincoln is a friendly mountain town on MT Hwy 200, surrounded by some of Montana's largest pine trees, lakes and the beautiful Blackfoot River. With its usual heavy snowfall, you can sled directly from your motel to the trailhead of your choice. And with more than 240 miles of groomed trails, you'll have a lot of choosing to do.

You'll find the towns of Dillon, Wisdom, Wise River, Polaris and Jackson tucked snugly into the folds of the rugged Pioneer Mountains. This is uncrowded country that will leave you breathless. Snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park with more than 100 miles of groomed trails for the novice, and another hundred-plus miles of more challenging trails and backcountry routes for the experienced sledder to explore.

To join the Montana Snow Pack, call Gold West Country and ask for a free membership kit. You'll receive a free membership card, helmet decal and all the information you'll need to plan your adventure.

For more information:
GOLD WEST COUNTRY
800-879-1159 ext. 315

RENDEZVOUS SNOWMOBILE RENTALS/CITY CENTER MOTEL



Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals, Inc./City Center Motel are your headquarters for a fun-filled winter vacation to Yellowstone! Come and see our area at its most majestic time of year.

We are in the heart of West Yellowstone. Snowmobile right from our front door to the park entrance, or enjoy hundreds of miles of groomed trails outside the park boundaries. Stay at our two-diamond, AAA-rated motel with new rooms, hot tub and party room.

We have brand new Polaris and Arctic Cat snowmobiles every season with a wide range of models to accommodate all types of riders from the pros to the first-timer. Rendezvous Snowmobiles has the combination for you. Complete clothing packages are available as well. Don't forget to ask about our group, off-season and skier discounts!

Give us a call and let our friendly and experienced staff help you plan a winter getaway you will never forget! No hassles. No worries. Guaranteed!

For more information:
RENDEZVOUS SNOWMOBILE RENTALS
429 Yellowstone Avenue
P.O. Box 580
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-426-7669 or 406-646-9564

WEST YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE HOTEL



Just minutes from the western entrance to Yellowstone National Park, The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel/Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort is the area's newest and most luxurious resort and conference facility.

It's the ideal headquarters for winter adventures in Yellowstone, offering complete snowmobile and clothing rentals, snow-coach tours and friendly, knowledgeable staff. All rentals are current model-year machines and come equipped with hand-warmers. Rental/lodging packages are available.

The hotel offers 123 rooms, including luxurious King Spa Suites, family suites and handicap-accessible rooms. All rooms feature mini-fridges, microwaves, coffee makers and hairdryers. Guests also enjoy an indoor pool, exercise room, sauna and whirlpool.

Built to capture the turn-of-the-century elegance of park accommodations, the hotel has restored the old 1903 Executive Car which once brought well-heeled visitors to the park on the Oregon Short Line Railroad. Old 1903 sits in all of its original elegance and glory to welcome you to the Oregon Short Line Restaurant and the Iron Horse Saloon. The restaurant, noted for its succulent Western cuisine, and the lively Saloon form the heart of the West Yellowstone Conference Hotel's warm, Old Yellowstone ambiance.

The hotel also offers complete conference and meeting facilities. Pre- or post-conference tours of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area are a specialty.

For more information:
THE WEST YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE HOTEL/HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT
315 Yellowstone Avenue, P.O. Box 459
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-646-7365 or 406-646-7365
or 800-HOLIDAY



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ADVENTURE SKI GUIDES

Montana Powder Guides. Specializing in extreme adventure and powder snow gravity sports, we're the state's premier ski guiding operation. Skiers or boarders of all ages are challenged and delighted by what they ski and see. 15 miles north of Bozeman and only 60 minutes from Big Sky. Amenities include ski to/from vacation homes adjacent to ski runs at Bridger Bowl. Heli or snowcat available for backcountry excursions. Ski action photography service offered to guided clients. 15792 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715, Phone & Fax 406-587-3096.

CAR RENTALS

Billings

Thrifty Car Rental. New Model vehicles of all sizes available at low rates. We offer such vehicles as compact Dodge Neon, mid-size Dodge Spirit, full-size Dodge Intrepid, luxury New Yorker, 7-passenger Dodge Caravan, 4x4 Jeep Cherokee, 4x4 Dodge Dakota pickup truck and 15-passenger vans. Ski racks available upon request. Our courtesy shuttle service will pick you up at the airport. Call today to reserve your vehicle. See you in Montana! 1144 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101, 800-699-1025 or 406-259-1025.

Bozeman

Budget Rent-A-Car. We are conveniently located in the Bozeman Airport, right next to the baggage claim area. We live up to our name with low rates by the day, week or longer. Budget Rent-A-Car features current model cars, minivans, 15-passenger vans, 4x4 sport utility vehicles and 4-wheel drive suburbans. Ski racks and infant seats available upon request. Our friendly staff is waiting to serve you. Please call 406-388-4091 or 800-95BUDGET.

Thrifty Car Rental. Make your reservations today to explore Yellowstone Park, Big Sky Resort and surrounding ski resorts. There is a large variety of vehicles to choose from, including the compact Dodge Neon, mid-size Dodge Spirit, full-size Dodge Intrepid, as well as 4x4s, passenger vans and pickup trucks. 21000 Frontage Rd., St. 500, Belgrade, MT 59714, 800-699-1025 or 406-388-3484.

RANCHES/RESORTS

Triple Creek Ranch. Become snowbound in this couples-only, peaceful mountain setting, where you can experience world-class service in a romantic atmosphere. Rates include meals, drinks, horseback riding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Close to downhill skiing. Enjoy a hot drink in front of the fireplace after a rigorous day of outdoor activities. Seventeen accommodations range from cozy cabins to luxury cabins with indoor whirlpool or private outdoor hot tub. 5551 West Fork Rt., Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-4664, Fax 406-821-4666.

Fairmont Hot Springs. Just 30 miles east of Discovery Basin is Montana's favorite family resort. Affordable rates plus all the amenities. After a day on the slopes, indulge in all that makes Fairmont so inviting—dining room, coffee shop, lounge with live entertainment, massage studio, two Olympic-sized pools and two soaking pools all filled with natural hot springs water,

plus a 350-foot water slide. Reservations: 1500 Fairmont Rd., Anaconda, MT 59711, 800-332-3272.

LODGING

Big Sky

Best Western Buck's T-4. A warm, welcoming blaze in the stone hearth, big game trophies and antique sporting gear hint at Buck's T-4's beginnings as a hunting and fishing lodge. Richly appointed guest rooms and two giant outdoor jacuzzis make Buck's T-4 the right place at the right price for your next winter vacation! Just minutes from Big Sky slopes and Gallatin National Forest snowmobile trailheads. Kids 12 and younger stay free! Packages available. U.S. Hwy 191, P.O. Box 160279, Big Sky, MT, 800-822-4484, 406-995-4111, Fax 406-995-2191.

Big Sky Central Reservations. The cornerstone of Big Sky Resort are the deluxe slope-side accommodations of Huntley Lodge and Shoshone Condominium Hotel. Choose from numerous condominiums as well. Swimming pools, jacuzzis, health club, gift shops, massage therapy. Ask about Big Sky's Great Ski Weeks Packages as low as \$233 per person, double occupancy, 4 nights/3 days. Call 406-995-5000 or 800-548-4486.

Big Sky Chalet Rentals. Large selection of accommodations for the most intimate party to the largest ski group. We also have two four-bedroom condos side by side, only one-half mile from the slopes, for large groups. Some condos available with hot tub, sauna, swimming pool. Many locations. We take the time to help you plan your vacation. 800-845-4428 or 406-995-2665.

Big Sky Condominium Management. Our friendly staff will work with you to arrange the best accommodations to suit your needs and budget. Our properties range from economy studios and lofts with full kitchens, cable TV and telephones to luxury log condos and homes, complete with private jacuzzis, wood decks, fireplaces and spectacular views. P.O. Box 160056, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-831-3509, Fax 406-995-2109.

Golden Eagle Management. The biggest rental selection of condominiums, homes and chalets at affordable rates. Mountain accommodations range from budget studios to deluxe four-bedroom ski-in/ski-out chalets with private hot tubs. Meadow Village offers shuttles to the lifts and a variety of one- to five-bedroom condos and furnished homes. Discounts available on airfares and car rentals. P.O. Box 160008, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4488, Fax 406-995-2447 (USA and Canada).

Triple Creek Realty & Management. Big Sky's most outstanding condominiums in all sizes and price ranges for a perfect ski vacation. From exquisite ski-in/ski-out Beaverhead and Arrowhead condominiums with three to four bedrooms/baths and in-house jacuzzis, to the completely redecorated, Stillwater studios, the very best accommodations are guaranteed. Most condominiums feature in-house jacuzzis or recreation centers, cable TVs, microwave ovens, ski shuttle and much more! Discounted airfares. P.O. Box 160219, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4632, Fax 406-995-2393.

Bozeman

Best Western Grantree Inn. Located just off the interstate, a short 15-minute drive from Bridger Bowl and a 45-minute drive to Big Sky Ski Resort. Offering true Montana hospitality with full-service dining, lounge and casino, indoor pool and jacuzzi, laundry facility, plus 103 comfort-filled rooms. Special ski rates offered. Shuttle service to Bridger Bowl. For reservations, or information, call 800-624-5865.

Bozeman Comfort Inn. "Where the name says it all." Located just off I-90 in the middle of Ski Country, 15 minutes from Bridger Bowl and 45 minutes from Big Sky. The warmth of our fireplace greets you at the door of Bozeman's newest accommodations, featuring comfortable queen rooms and suites, indoor pool, exercise room, jacuzzi, complimentary expanded continental breakfast and airport shuttle. Yellowstone Park and snowmobiling just 90 miles south. Special ski rates. Call 800-587-3833 for reservations.

Bridger Bowl. Bridger Bowl offers a 12-month reservation service to all out-of-town skiers. On-mountain lodges, private homes, condominiums and bed & breakfast inns are available for rent on a limited basis. Many are ski-accessible from the mountain. Reservations and ski package programs are available with many fine motels and bed & breakfast inns in Bozeman, just 20 minutes from Bridger Bowl. Shuttle \$5/round trip. 800-223-9609 (USA and Canada) or 406-586-1518.

Holiday Inn-Bozeman. Bozeman's finest! Fifteen minutes from world-class skiing at Bridger Bowl and 45 minutes from Big Sky, Holiday Inn features Bozeman's finest accommodations and is convenient to Yellowstone snowmobiling and winter touring. The hotel features deluxe rooms, large indoor pool, relaxing jacuzzi, exercise room, game room, complimentary airport transportation, Cantrell's Restaurant and Lounge and meeting facilities. Ski packages available. 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715, 800-366-5101 or 406-587-4561, Fax 406-587-4413.

Howlers Inn Bed and Breakfast. Impressive log home with spacious bedrooms, mountain views, full private baths, TVs, VCRs, refrigerators, microwaves. Full breakfast. Two-bedroom cabin with kitchen and fireplace available. Sauna, jacuzzi, pool table, air hockey, big screen TV and workout area. In-house massage therapist and fitness trainer. Close to Bridger Bowl. No pets or smoking. Shuttle to airport and Bridger Bowl. 3185 Jackson Creek Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-0304.

"Skiers"—Southwestern Montana Guest Homes. Executive Mountain Retreats. Located near Bridger Bowl and Big Sky. We have several unique guest homes available. Plan ahead for '95-'96 winter skiing or fishing fun. Prices vary. Call Intermountain Property Management. 611 W. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-1503.

Butte

Best Western Butte Plaza Inn. After a fun-filled day of snow, come relax in our new Hops Pub & Casino, or take a swim or stretch out in our indoor pool, sauna, steam room, spa or fitness center. Our prop-

erty features beautiful guest rooms along with a wonderful, complimentary, deluxe European breakfast buffet. For dining 24 hours a day, try our popular Perkins Restaurant and Bakery. 2900 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701, 800-543-5814 (USA and Canada) or 406-494-3500, fax 406-494-7611.

Columbia Falls

Abbott Valley Homestead. Experience Montana's winter on our 250-acre homestead, surrounded by meadows and forest. We are centrally located between Columbia Falls and West Glacier for your winter activity. Our guest houses were built by the immigrants and lumberjacks who settled this area. We have lovingly renovated this heritage to create a home for your vacation. Daily, weekly or monthly rates. Martin City, MT 59926, 406-387-5330, fax 406-387-5457.

Cooke City

High Country Motel. Twelve units open in the winter, including three cabins, nine motel rooms (four with kitchenettes, one with fireplace). Snowmobile and cross-country ski right from your front door. Fifty-two miles of groomed trails, lots of snow from November to April. P.O. Box 1146, U.S. Hwy 212, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2272.

Gardiner

Comfort Inn-Yellowstone North. Come play with us this winter! Conveniently located at the north entrance to Yellowstone, we offer access to hundreds of miles of groomed roads for snowmobiling and trails for cross-country skiing. Facilities include a lobby with indoor balconies, spacious rooms, jacuzzi and family suites, cable TV, complimentary continental breakfast, outdoor hot tubs and conference facilities. Snowmobile packages available. P.O. Box 268, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7536 or 800-228-5150, Fax 406-848-7536.

Yellowstone Village Motel. North entrance to Yellowstone National Park, the only year-round entrance. Great view of Roosevelt Arch and the park. Three family condos, 40 spacious rooms (smoking/non-smoking) with queen beds, phones and cable TV, indoor heated pool, sauna and laundry. Snowmobile and cross-country ski rentals available. Guided ski and snowcoach tours into Yellowstone Park. Easy access to hunting. Reasonable, discounted winter rates. AAA-approved. P.O. Box 297,

Gardiner, MT 59030. Call 406-848-7417, ext. 310, 800-228-8158 or Fax 406-848-7418.

Glacier Park Vicinity

Polebridge Mercantile and Cabins. Bordering the Wild and Scenic Flathead River between magnificent Glacier National Park and the forested Whitefish Range. 1 1/4 miles to Glacier Park entrance. Rustic cabins available year-round. Ski, snowmobile, canoe, fish and bike in pristine wilderness area. Mercantile is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Groceries, gas, gifts, fresh coffee and baked goods, fishing licenses, tackle. P.O. Box 280042, Polebridge, MT 59928, 406-888-5105.

Hamilton

Deer Crossing Bed & Breakfast. Twenty-five acres of pines and pasture overlooking the Bitterroot Valley. Incredible views, Old West hospitality and hearty ranch breakfasts. Select one of three guest rooms or the "Charlie Russell" suite with double jacuzzi tub. Relax in the saloon featuring billiards, videos and more, or soak in the outdoor hot tub. Less than an hour from Lost Trail Powder Mountain downhill and cross-country ski area. 396 Hayes Creek Rd., Hamilton, MT 59840, 800-763-2232 or 406-363-2232.

Hamilton Super 8. Two jacuzzi suites, outside outlets, coffee, juice and toast. Just 45 minutes to Lost Trail Powder Mountain, Chief Joseph cross-country trails and Lost Trail Hot Springs. Snowmobiling nearby. Free local calls, 20-person capacity meeting room and 24-hour desk. 1325 N. 1st, Hamilton, MT 59840, 800-800-8000 or 406-363-2940, Fax 406-363-2940.

Kalispell

Aero Inn. Ideal for skiers and snowmobilers looking for clean, comfortable, affordable accommodations. An easy drive to The Big Mountain as well as to several cross-country and snowmobile areas. Beautiful indoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna, free continental breakfast, no charge for local calls. \$34/person/night. Group rates, lift tickets and snowmobile packages available, free ski shuttle for guests. 1830 U.S. Hwy 93 S, Kalispell, 59901, 800-843-6114 (USA & Canada) or 406-755-3798, Fax 406-752-1304.

Best Western Outlaw Inn. After a tough day on the slopes or enjoying a wealth of other winter activities, you are welcome at the Best Western Outlaw Inn! Centrally located accommodations feature 220 rooms, jacuzzis, indoor pools, fitness center, Hennessey's Restaurant, mini-casino, lounge and complimentary shuttle to the slopes. Ask about ski and snowmobile packages. 1710 U.S. Hwy 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-237-7445 or 406-755-6100.

Cavanaugh's at Kalispell Center. The perfect location for your winter getaway. Enjoy a warm drink in our Fireside Lodge; dine in our award-winning restaurant; shop any one of the 42 stores in Kalispell Center Mall directly attached to our hotel; take your chances at the casino, or just relax in any of our jacuzzis, sauna or indoor pool. Rates start at just \$52. 20 N. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901. Call 800-843-4667 or 406-752-6660 for reservations.

Lakeside Resort Motel. Ten motel rooms on west side of Flathead Lake (4 new units with deck face the lake) and eight family cottages. Property includes 155 ft. of waterfront, dock and boat ramp. Perfect for weddings and family reunions. All rooms have telephones, refrigerators, cable TV and microwaves. Hot tub outside. Blacktail cross-country skiing 10 miles away. Winter rates. P.O. Box 293, Lakeside, MT 59922, 800-348-4822 or 406-844-3570, Fax 406-844-2265.

River Rock Bed & Breakfast. Just 15 miles from The Big Mountain ski slopes. One of the most luxurious B & Bs in the Flathead. Thirty-six acres with fabulous 360-degree panoramic view. Exquisite honeymoon suite with tile and marble bath, including 6-ft. windowed jacuzzi in suite. Soothing outdoor hot tub and healthful steam room, state-of-the-art sound system throughout home and decks. Formal dining, full gourmet breakfasts. Private and elegant dinners available by arrangement. 179 Schrade Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-477-0699 (USA), 800-766-0863 (Canada).

Livingston

The Beartooth Wilderness Lodge, Inc. This wilderness retreat with deluxe accommodations, magnificent views and first-class service will let you relax in comfort to enjoy Montana's winter wonderland in style. A paradise for winter sport enthusiasts with many cross-country skiing and snow shoeing opportunities. Three couples at a time. Jacuzzi and sauna. Located on trailhead to the Gallatin National Forest and Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. P.O. Box 1038, Livingston, MT 59047, Phone and Fax 406-220-2895.

Missoula

4B's Inn & Conference Center. 158 rooms in two locations to serve your Missoula lodging needs. Our north location is the closest motel to Snowbowl Ski Area. Take advantage of our great hot tub and solarium areas. 4B's Conference Center has eight meeting rooms; the largest will accommodate 200. We offer special rates for skiers and snowmobilers. We are surrounded by many entertainment and dining choices. Call 800-272-9500 for reservations and snow report.

Holiday Inn Missoula-Parkside. 200 well-appointed rooms with an atrium lobby, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool and exercise room, all accessible directly by the elevator. Excellent meals in your room or in the lovely Encore Restaurant. 200 S. Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802, 800-399-0402 (in MT), 800-399-0408 (outside) or 406-721-8550, Fax 406-721-7427.

Rodeway Inn Southgate. Fifteen miles from Snowbowl lift, three blocks from the mall. Surrounded by restaurants, casinos and entertainment. Hot tub, exercise room, cable TV/HBO, free continental breakfast, airport shuttle. Ski packages are available, including lodging and lift tickets. 3530 Brooks St., Missoula, MT 59801. Reservations: 800-247-2616 (USA & Canada), Fax 406-251-2006.

Super 8 Motel-Brooks Street. Forty minutes from Snowbowl ski area. Closest motel in Missoula to Blue Mountain (5 miles), snowmobiling, and to Lolo Pass (45 minutes) cross-country skiing. Toast and pastry bar, outside outlets. Many restaurants nearby. Airport shuttle. Winter packages available. 3901 S. Brooks, 800-800-8000 or 406-251-2255, Fax 406-251-2989.

Super 8 Motel-Reserve Street. Missoula's newest motel is just 20 minutes from Snowbowl ski area. Toast and pastry bar, hot tub, outside outlets, elevator. Triple unit and suite with in-room jet tub available. McDonald's, 4B's, Joker's Wild restaurants within one block. Winter packages available. 4703 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-800-8000 or 406-549-1199, Fax 406-549-0677.

Village Red Lion Inn. Minutes from ski areas and snowmobile trails. Oversized beds and plush furnishings grace each of the Village Red Lion's 172 spacious guest rooms. The hotel features the Edgewater Restaurant and Lounge overlooking the Clark Fork River. Coffee shop, room service, gift shop, hair salon,



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abundant parking and courtesy car service to and from the airport. 100 Madison St., Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-3100.

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Showdown Ski Area. One phone call gets you all the information on lodging facilities near Showdown. Information on rentals, ski school, day care and all other services offered at the ski area. Call 800-433-0022 and we will customize a package to fit your needs.

Polaris

Grasshopper Inn. Relax at the Grasshopper Inn and enjoy the scenery and peacefulness of the Pioneer Mountains before venturing out from the inn on 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Downhill skiing next door at Maverick Mountain or cross-country skiing from the inn. Relax in one of the hot tubs before enjoying a fine dinner and cocktails from our full-service restaurant. Snowmobile rentals and gasoline available. Montana Snow Pack participant. Box 460511, Polaris, MT 59746, 406-834-3456.

Red Lodge

Best Western LuPine Inn. Located six blocks from historic downtown Red Lodge and six miles from Red Lodge Mountain. We offer many amenities to make your stay enjoyable, including indoor pool, spa, sauna, exercise equipment, game room with indoor playground, guest laundry, meeting room, kitchenettes, in-room spas and remote cable TV. Guest houses available. Owner-operated. 702 S. Hauser, P.O. Box 30, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1321, Fax 406-446-1465.

Pitcher Guest Houses. Old-fashioned ambiance with homey atmosphere. Victorian four-bedroom, circa 1905; newer three-bedroom log townhouse. Both completely furnished: two baths, cable TV, laundry facilities, telephone, dishwasher, microwave, wood-burning stove and more. Two cozy one-bedroom, three-room log cabins with cable TV, telephone and kitchen. These are non-smoking houses. P.O. Box 3450, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-2859.

Red Lodge Central Reservations. We make it easy! With one call doing it all, we can make arrangements for discounted air fares, lodging, lift tickets, ski rentals, ski school—you name it! We specialize in custom-designed packages to suit your needs. And any bookings of three days or more made with lodging will get you discounted lift tickets. Some special packages will save you even more. Call 800-444-8977.

Red Lodging. Enjoy the finest in fully furnished, affordable guest home lodging. No one else offers you distinctive, beautiful Victorian homes, creekside cabins, golf course townhomes, cottages and historic farmhouses. With amenities like jacuzzis, stone fireplaces, private ponds and easy access to Red Lodge Mountain, we have your perfect vacation home. Call or write for rates, information and reservations. 16½ N. Broadway, P.O. Box 1477, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1272.

Rock Creek Resort. Near the northeast entrance to Yellowstone National Park, 10 minutes from Red Lodge Mountain. Combines Beartooth Lodge, the

Grizzly Condos, Old Piney Dell Restaurant and Twin Elk Fine Collections to create the perfect ski holiday. Gracious accommodations and the finest cuisine, indoor swimming, jacuzzis, laundry, ski packages, cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain-biking. Price range \$65 to \$275. Four miles south of Red Lodge on U.S. Hwy 212, P.O. Box 3500, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1111, Fax 406-446-3688.

The Pollard. Historic hotel in the heart of Red Lodge. Built in 1893, it offers a unique combination of turn-of-the-century character with a newly remodeled charming decor. Only minutes to skiing, golf, shopping, and the Beartooth Mountains. Full service dining room, health club, hot tubs and saunas. Entirely non-smoking. Member of Historic Hotels of America. 2 N. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068. 406-446-0001 or 800-POLLARD. Fax 406-446-0002.

Super 8 Motel. AAA-rated. Five miles from ski area. Large indoor pool, hot tub, cable TV with Showtime, jacuzzis in six rooms, large family rooms, kitchenettes available. Guest laundry, ski wax room, daily shuttle bus to ski area. 1223 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 800-800-8000, 406-446-2288, Fax 446-3162.

Yodeler Motel. AAA-rated with large luxury rooms, outdoor hot tub, in-room steam baths and jacuzzi tubs, remote cable TV, direct-dial phones, in-room coffee, Red Lodge Airport courtesy car, honeymoon suite and kitchen unit, king and queen beds, special packages for groups and tours. Owner-operated with "sincere hospitality." Close to downtown and only 15 minutes from Red Lodge Ski Mountain. 601 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1435, Fax 446-1020.

Seeley Lake

Double Arrow Resort. Nestled in the heart of the Seeley Swan Valley. Offers lodging, fine dining, golf, indoor pool/jacuzzi, access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, snowmobile rentals, cross-country skiing, dog sled rides, fabulous mountain views and breath-taking scenery. Whether you seek peace and quiet, a place for conferences and meetings or a place to play, we're here to meet your needs. P.O. Box 747, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-468-0777.

The Emily A. Bed & Breakfast. Welcome home to a grand log lodge overlooking the Clearwater River and a private lake. The Emily has five guest rooms, a family suite and the original homestead cabin. Wake up rested to enjoy a fabulous breakfast served on grandmother's china, then explore our 160 acres. Rates from \$95 to \$150. P.O. Box 350, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-977-4639, 406-677-3474, Fax 406-677-3474.

Tamaracks Resort. Located on the quiet north end of Seeley Lake. Quiet, restful and secluded cabins, plus camping on 16 acres. Whether your vacation needs are easy access to snowmobile and cross-country ski trails in the winter (rentals available), or swimming and boating in the summer, the Tamaracks Resort is waiting for you and your family. Call now for the vacation you deserve. 800-477-7216 or 406-677-2433.

Sula

Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast. Nine miles north of Lost Trail Powder Mountain downhill and cross-country ski area. Good snowmobiling nearby. Ski and Stay packages include hearty western breakfast, room or cabin with kitchen. 7674 U.S. Hwy 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-351-3508 or 406-821-3508.

Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort. Ski Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph cross-country ski trails just six miles from our resort in the Bitterroot Valley. Lodging in private cabins, motel, condo units with room for large groups. Restaurant, lounge/casino and store are in our alpine lodge. After a full day outdoors, relax in our natural hot spring pool and hot tub or enjoy a favorite beverage by the fireplace. 8321 U.S. Hwy 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-825-3574 or 406-821-3574.

Virginia City

Just an Experience Bed & Breakfast. Enjoy the finest in a homestay bed & breakfast with delicious food and knowledgeable, native Montana hosts! Three guest rooms plus two log cabins with kitchen, color television and full bath. Enjoy snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, photography or just relaxing by the fire. Packed lunches and dinners available on request. Full breakfasts. Hosts: John and Carma Sinerius. 1570 MT Hwy 287 W, Virginia City, MT 59755, 406-843-5402.

West Yellowstone

Big Western Pine Motel. Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at The Big Western Pine. Enjoy our comfortable beds, phones, cable TV, hot tub and pool. Experience fine dining pleasure and relaxation at The Rustler's Roost Restaurant and Lounge. The Big Western Pine offers the best in snowmobile rentals, clothing, guide service and even dog sled sledding. 234 Firehole, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7622, 800-646-7622, Fax 406-646-9443.

City Center Motel. AAA-rated. Right in the center of town. Total renovation in 1992. Snowmobile rentals, gift shop, meeting room with deluxe kitchen, hot tub and big screen TV. Adjacent to two restaurants and lounge. Health club. Just three blocks from Yellowstone National Park west entrance. Featuring Polaris and Arctic Cat snowmobiles. Major credit cards. 214 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 580, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-742-0665, Fax 646-7337.

Kelly Inn. Beautiful new three-story property located at the entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Our 79 large, comfortable guest rooms, decorated to embody the charm and character of Yellowstone Park, feature specialty suites and family room with bunk beds. Other features include indoor swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, lobby fireplace and complimentary coffee. Restaurants and lounges nearby. The Kelly Inn is located near cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling. 104 S. Canyon St., West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-4544.

Pine Shadows Motel. Fourteen clean, comfortable units including two log cabins, kitchenettes in some

units. Cable TV, ample parking, garage for light mechanics on snowmobiles. Snowmobile rental packages. Hosts: Blaine and Vickie Heaps. U.S. Hwy 20 & Hayden Ave., P.O. Box 721, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-624-5291 or 406-646-7541, Fax 646-9647.

Roundup Motel/Dude Motor Inn. Just one block from the entrance to Yellowstone National Park, you can enjoy our new and newly remodeled rooms and rent a new Polaris snowmobile for your trip into Yellowstone Country. Relax in our indoor hot tubs after your day's ride. Lodging, snowmobiles and clothing are available at our comfortable motel. All of these can be organized into an affordable package. 3 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 609, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7301, 800-833-7669.

Stage Coach Inn. The best in the West! Historic western inn. Perfect atmosphere for any winter enthusiast. Award-winning lobby with fireplace. Attractive lodging with unique decor. Fine family dining. Lively lounge. Live and video poker. Hot tubs and sauna. Complete snowmobile (new, all types) and snowcoach packages. Easy access to groomed cross-country and snowmobile trails. Abundant territory to explore! 209 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 160, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-842-2882, 406-646-7381, Fax 406-646-9575.

Three Bear Lodge. Rebuilding and renovation program has been completed. Great rooms, coupled with the well known Three Bear Restaurant, Grizzly Lounge and a capable, friendly staff make Three Bear a natural. Complete facilities include two-roomed units, executive suites and rooms with king beds and jacuzzis, many no-smoking rooms, four heated whirlpools, outdoor heated pool and meeting/banquet facilities. Snowcoach, snowmobile and clothing rentals are headquartered here. 217 Yellowstone Ave., P.O. Box 519, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-646-7353, 406-646-7353, Fax 646-4567.

West Yellowstone Conference Hotel. A Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort. Area's newest, most comfortable hotel is an oasis of hospitality, offering 123 rooms with mini-fridges and microwaves. King spa suites, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room. Complete conference facilities. Oregon Short Line Restaurant and Iron Horse Saloon are built around a turn-of-the-century railroad car. Complete snowmobile and clothing rentals, featuring all current model-year machines equipped with handwarmers. Rental/lodging packages available. 315 Yellowstone Ave. in West Yellowstone, Montana. 800-646-7365.

Whitefish

Alpinglew Inn. Spectacular views surround our haven of comfort and amenities. Closest to all the ski lifts and services on Big Mountain, our 54 rooms are complimented by a glass-enclosed, full-service restaurant, two outdoor hot tubs and friendly, outgoing staff. All this at a reasonable price. Children 12 and under stay FREE (one child per adult). Meal plans and ski packages available. 3900 Big Mountain Rd., P.O. Box 1770, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-754-6760, 406-862-6966, Fax 406-862-0076.

Bay Point Estates. Fully furnished condominiums with indoor pool, hot tubs and complete ski packages, including car. Family and group rates plus snowmobiling packages. Conveniently situated between the resort town of Whitefish and The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Rental car waiting for you upon arrival at Amtrak or airport. P.O. Box 35, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-327-2108.

The Big Mountain Central Reservations. Plan your next vacation now. Reserve space in the Hibernation House, The Big Mountain Alpine Homes, Kandahar Lodge, Anapurna Properties or Edelweiss Condos. Most properties include ski-in/ski-out access, or ski in with a short walk or shuttle to the lifts. The Big Mountain is one of the greatest ski vacation values! Three-day/three-night packages start at \$183 per person (value season, double occupancy). 800-858-3913 or 406-862-1960.

Chalet Motel. AAA-rated. One mile south of downtown Whitefish, just eight miles from The Big Mountain. Ski shuttle. Queen beds, cable TV, large indoor pool and jacuzzi. Beautiful views of The Big Mountain from your room. \$35-\$60. Children under 12 stay free. Excellent ski packages. Denny's Restaurant on site, open 24 hours. Shopping mall across the street. 6430 U.S. Hwy 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-462-3266, Fax 406-862-5581.

Crestwood Resort Condominiums. New or refurbished one-, two- and three-bedroom condominiums at the base of The Big Mountain. Each unit has everything you'll need for a carefree vacation, including fireplaces, complete kitchens, telephones and in-unit laundry facilities. Hot tubs and health club memberships help soak away the effects of a hard day at play. On-site cross-country skiing. Plenty of parking for snow machine equipment. P.O. Box 1000, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-862-7574, 406-862-7574, Fax 406-862-0491.



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Duck Inn Lodge. A charming new ski lodge in Whitefish on the river's edge, just eight miles from the lifts. Ten beautiful rooms, all with fireplaces, large deep-soak tubs, cable TV, phones, queen beds and balconies. Redwood jacuzzi area. Continental breakfast included. Airport and Amtrak pickup. All-wheel-drive Ford cars and Explorers for rent at the Inn. Packages from \$149 per person, double occupancy, includes lift tickets. 1305 Columbia Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-344-2377 (reservations only), 406-862-3825 (information and reservations).

Garden Wall Inn B & B. An impeccably restored 1920s house-turned-inn, offering just five bedrooms, each furnished with period antiques. Tranquility, privacy, warm hospitality, luxurious rooms and attentive service are our trademarks. Relax in a huge, claw-foot tub or sip sherry in front of a welcoming fire after an exhilarating day of skiing. Next morning, enjoy a scrumptious, three-course breakfast. \$85-\$105,

double occupancy. Ski room, skier shuttle. 504 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3440.

Good Medicine Lodge. A classic Montana getaway hewn from cedar timbers has private baths, mountain views, hearty breakfasts and boot and glove dryers. Come relax in front of our crackling fireplaces or unwind in our outdoor spa. We are located in Whitefish on the road to The Big Mountain and within walking distance of shopping, dining and Amtrak. 537 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 506-862-5488, 800-860-5488, Fax 406-862-5489.

Grouse Mountain Lodge. Full-service conference resort featuring restaurant, lounge with entertainment, pool, sauna, whirlpools and meeting facilities for up to 300 people. Located on a 15-km, full-service, cross-country ski area. Complimentary scheduled shuttle to and from The Big Mountain Ski Resort and to and from the airport and Amtrak. 1205 U.S. Hwy 93, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-321-8822, 406-862-3000, Fax 406-862-0326.

Kandahar Lodge. Montana's premier mountain lodge, rustic yet elegant, is located in the village area at the base of The Big Mountain. European-style dining at the Cafe Kandahar. Two spa areas with saunas, jacuzzis, phones, cable TV, laundry, beautiful sunken lobby with huge rock fireplace. Free shuttle. Kids 12 and under stay free. Ski to the door! It's what lodging should be. P.O. Box 1659, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-862-6094, 406-862-6098, Fax 406-862-6095.

La Villa Montana. A new chalet bed and breakfast inspired by the alpine charm of Italy's Tyrol region—lodging for skiers hosted by skiers. Enjoy the warmth and special treatment La Villa offers its guests. Four western-style rooms with private baths, including a two-bedroom suite with kitchen. Delicious skiers' breakfasts, apres ski appetizers, huge fireplace, mountain views and hot tub under the stars. Discount ski packages available. MBBA-approved. P.O. Box 4390, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-652-8455, Fax 406-892-0690.

Mountain Holiday Motel. One mile south of downtown Whitefish, just eight miles from The Big Mountain. Ski shuttle. Queen beds, remote cable TV, large indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna, guest laundry and hospitality room. Restaurants, theaters and shopping nearby. \$32-\$55. Excellent ski packages. Children under 12 stay free. Box 338, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-543-8064, Fax 406-862-3103.

Quality Inn-Pine Lodge. Only eight miles from The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Classic 76-room motel offers something for everyone. Select a comfortable room or an elegant suite with private hot tub, fireplace and kitchenette. Complimentary continental breakfast. Heated indoor/outdoor pools and hot tub. Free airport and Amtrak shuttle. Packages available. 920 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-305-7463, 406-862-7600.

Whitefish Lake Lodge. On the shores of Whitefish Lake, the road to The Big Mountain and just minutes from charming downtown Whitefish. One-, two- and three-bedroom condominiums are professionally decorated with all modern conveniences. Magnificent lake and mountain views with fireplaces, balconies and lofts. For the finest winter vacation in Montana where downhill, cross-country skiing, crackling fires and hot mulled wine can all be part of the day's agenda. P.O. Box 2040, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-735-8869, 406-862-2929, Fax 406-862-3550.

ACCOMMODATIONS/SERVICES

White Sulphur Springs

Montana Mountain Lodge. Ideal for skiers and snowmobilers. Located in the Little Belt Mountains. Snowmobile and cross-country ski from the front door. Situated on 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, 10 miles to Showdown Ski Area and groomed cross-country trail system. Five rooms with private baths. Hot tub. Full breakfast included, dinner available for guests. Group rates. Snowmobile rentals available. 1780 Hwy 89 N, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 800-631-4713, 406-547-3773.

Wisdom

Nez Perce Motel. Come to the place where snow comes early and stays late! Eight clean and comfortable rooms with warm western hospitality are what you will find at the Nez Perce Motel. Only 26 miles from Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph cross-country ski areas. Snowmobile trails close by. Open year-round with affordable rates. Montana Snow Pack participant. P.O. Box 123, MT Hwy 43, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3254.

Yellowstone National Park

TW Recreational Services would like to invite you to join us in America's Winter Wonderland! Stay in Yellowstone National Park at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel or Old Faithful Snow Lodge. We can entertain you with cross-country skiing, snowcoach tours and snowmobiling. Afterwards, let us prepare you a delicious dinner and help you relax in the comfort of our cozy lounges. 307-344-7311.

Statewide

TownHouse Inns of Montana. Eight locations throughout Montana—Butte, Columbus, Conrad, Dillon, Great Falls, Hamilton, Havre, Shelby are near one or more of Montana's premier ski areas. All our motels feature amenities you need after a day of winter play, but the price won't keep you off the slopes! Discover why so many winter enthusiasts already know why the TownHouse Inns are "Montana's Best Lodging Value." Call our toll-free central reservation line, 800-442-INNS.

SNOWMOBILE RENTALS/SERVICE

Butte

Redline Sports. Redline Sports is an authorized dealer for Polaris and Ski-Doo snowmobiles offering sales of new and used snowmobiles, a fully stocked parts and accessory department, as well as a service department staffed by three factory-trained technicians specializing in high altitude set-up. 2050 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701, 800-233-3884, 406-782-9129, Fax 723-7928.

Ennis

Madison Valley Snowmobiles. Rentals and repairs. Polaris models. Ride the Gravellys on 150 miles of marked and groomed trails from Virginia City, West Fork, North Meadow, Reynolds Pass/Elk Lake area or to your favorite location. Cabin rental available nightly or weekly. Guide service, delivery and pick-up available. Write or call for free brochure and trail map. 66 Varney Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-7808.

Hamilton

Bitterroot Adventures. Make the change, come see the beautiful Bitterroot Valley, "the last best place." Choose from groomed trails with beautiful views and easy riding to slopes that only the "serious riders should attempt! Electric-start, 2-up snowmobiles available or bring your own and we can guide you to some of the best snowmobiling in Montana. Ray Wells, owner/guide. 566 Queens Way, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-961-3392.

Missoula

North Country Snowmobiles. Rentals and tours in the heart of western Montana. Access to 500 miles of trails. Wide variety of new Polaris and Arctic Cats for every level of rider, including high performance powder machines. Trailers and tow vehicles available. Family tours plus our exclusive "Steep & Deep Alpine Adventure" for thrill seekers. Helmets and gas included. Kids under 13 free. 10225 U.S. Hwy 93 N, Missoula, MT 59802, Phone & Fax 406-728-0010.

Neihart

Montana Snowmobile Adventures. Snowmobile rentals located on Lewis & Clark National Forest at Showdown Ski Area with more than 240 miles of groomed trails. Featuring new Arctic Cat snowmobiles, full line of clothing rental available. Gasoline, oil, belts, parts and accessories at Showdown. Repair shop and service center in Neihart. P.O. Box 5, Neihart, MT 59465, 406-236-5358, Fax 406-236-5395.

Seeley Lake

Montana Vacations, Inc., located at Kurt's Polaris, invites you to snowmobile from our front door, with more than 250 miles of groomed trails to a variety of lodging and eating establishments in the beautiful Swan Valley. Available are snowmobiles, guides, trailers, clothing, deliveries and group rates. See why Polaris Industries did their 1996 photo shoot here for their national advertising campaign. P.O. Box 532, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2833, Fax 406-677-3290.

West Yellowstone

Hi Country Snowmobile Rental. New Arctic Cat snowmobiles, heated handlebars, some electric-start, full line of rental clothing, maps of area trails and guides are available. Packages and group rates. Located at Pine Shadows Motel. Let us show you how to enjoy winter in Yellowstone Country. Your hosts: Blaine and Vickie Heaps. U.S. Hwy 20 and Hayden Ave., P.O. Box 721, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-624-5291, 406-646-7541, Fax 406-646-9647.

Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals. Featuring Polaris and Arctic Cat snowmobiles. New machines every year, courtesy shuttle in town, heated handlebars, tall windshields, adult and kids' clothing, group rates, skier discounts, lodging packages, 25 years in West Yellowstone. Just five miles from park gate. Best rates in the area. Call for free information package. P.O. Box 580, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-426-7669, Fax 406-646-9353.

Whitefish

Glacier Motor Sports/Ski-Doo. Professional staff will custom-design outings for beginners to experts on 200 miles of groomed trails with spectacular mountaintop views and powder play areas. Full-service Ski-Doo dealer offers rentals, friendly guides, clothing, bonfire BBQ, lunch/dinner rides to Big Mountain Summit House, packages, groups rates, Big Mountain ski area pick-up. For brochure and trail map: P.O. Box 2009, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2195, 800-221-5098.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Absaroka Dogsled Treks. Located 30 miles north of Yellowstone Park at Chico Hot Springs, off U.S. Hwy 89. Nestled in the Absaroka Mountain Range, guided two-hour, half- or full-day treks provide a unique opportunity to travel Montana's backcountry without disturbing the land or wildlife. Enjoy soaking in the hot springs pool at Chico's historically romantic lodge. Accommodations, dining, saloon and activities available. Open year-round. Drawer D, Pray, MT 59065, 406-333-4933.

Stage Coach Inn. Yellowstone Country and the Stage Coach Inn—the perfect combination for your winter experience! Complete snowmobile and snowcoach packages. Early winter training camp for cross-country skiers. Easy access to trails. Ideal comes to mind. Enjoy one or all of these activities and the inviting atmosphere of our warm western inn. Comfortable lobby with fireplace, attractive rooms, fine family dining, lively lounge and relaxing spa. 209 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 160, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-842-2882, 406-646-7381, Fax 406-646-9575.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

Ken Sinay's Northern Rockies Natural History. Join a wildlife biologist for safari-style expeditions throughout the northern Yellowstone region. These year-round single and multi-day wildlife, natural and cultural history field tours are educational and fun! Tours incorporate personalized backcountry guide service (geared toward your desires and abilities). Hike, cross-country ski, snowshoe and custom safari-style transport. All designed to observe wildlife and this unique region. P.O. Box 42, Bozeman, MT 59771, 406-586-1155.

YELLOWSTONE PARK TOURS

Yellowstone Alpen Guides. Yellowstone snowcoach tours provided by Yellowstone Alpen Guides. Daily scenic and cross-country skiing. Snowcoach tours departing from West Yellowstone, Montana, to Old Faithful and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Tours are leisurely with ample opportunities for viewing and photographing the abundant wildlife, and for short walking tours through the geyser basins. Experienced guides. Special packages available. P.O. Box 518M, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-9591, Fax 406-646-9591.

WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1995

Bald Eagle Migration, Helena, 475-3310 or 475-3128

18 Bigfork Elves Decorate for Christmas, Bigfork, 837-5888

19- Annual Holiday Exhibit, Missoula,
12/31 728-3476

24 Christmas City of the North Parade, Kalispell, 752-6166

24 Christmas Parade of Lights, Sidney, 482-1916

24 Holiday Parade, Billings, 259-5260

25 Christmas Tree Extravaganza, Bigfork, 837-5888

25-26 CAN/AM Games, Butte, 723-7060

25-27 Missoula Renaissance Fair, Missoula, 543-4238

30- Festival of Trees, Butte, 494-4333
12/2

30- Festival of Trees, Billings,
12/3 252-9799

DECEMBER 1995

1 3rd Annual Christmas Stroll, Havre, 265-4383

1 Christmas Stroll, Billings, 259-5260

1-3 Catch the Magic, Hamilton, 363-4218

2 Christmas Stroll, Bozeman, 586-4008

2 Downtown Holiday Stroll, Missoula, 543-4238

2 Old-Fashioned Christmas Fair, Livingston, 222-8677

2-3 Kick-Out-the-Kinks Benefit Ski Race, Essex, 888-5700

3 Christmas to Remember, Laurel, 628-4508 or 628-7582

4-10 Pintlar Pete's 5th Annual Turkey Race, Anaconda, 563-2675

16- Holiday with Parks & Recreation,
1/18 Missoula, 721-7275

8 Christmas Stroll, Whitefish, 862-9199

15 Crazy Mountain Christmas, Big Timber, 932-5131

20-23 Snowboard Camp, Whitefish, 862-2911

31 Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Display, Marysville, 449-3746

JANUARY 1996

12 Bridger Bowl's Birthday Party, Bozeman, 587-2111

12-14 Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals, Great Falls, 727-8115

13-14 American Cup Races, Butte, 723-7060

20-21 Race to the Lake 100, Condon, 677-3434

20-27 Montana Winter Fair, Bozeman, 585-1397

26 Micro Brew Review, Helena, 442-4008

26 Regional Special Olympics, Showdown, 236-5522

26-27 Foresters Ball, Missoula, 243-5521

27-28 Seeley Lake 100, Seeley Lake, 677-2616

FEBRUARY 1996

2-4 Northern Rodeo Association Finals, Billings, 252-1122

2-4/7 Winternation IX Sports Festival, Anaconda and Butte, 494-5595 or 800-735-6814

3-4 Montana Powder 8's Championship, Bozeman, 587-2111

3-4 Snowboard Jam, Missoula, 549-9777

8-10 Chocolate Festival, Anaconda, 563-2422

8-11 Masters Western Region Championships, Whitefish, 862-2911

8-17 Race to the Sky Sled Dog Race, Helena, 442-4008

22-24 Glendive Agri-Trade Exposition, Glendive, 365-6781

24 Grape Expectations Wine & Food Festival, Whitefish, 862-2900

24-25 Snowbowl Cup Gelande Championship, Missoula, 549-9777

24-25 Wild West Shred O'Fest Snowboard Competition, Bozeman, 587-2111

MARCH 1996

2 Winterfest, Sula, 363-2400

2-3 Northern Division Freestyle Championship, Missoula, 549-9777

6-9 NCAA Alpine and Nordic Skiing Championships, Bozeman, 800-223-9609

8-10 Northern Rocky Mountain Winter Games, Billings & Red Lodge, 446-2610

8-10 Big Mountain Doug Betters Winter Classic, Whitefish, 862-2911 or 862-2900

9 Yellowstone Rendezvous Ski Race, West Yellowstone, 646-9379

15-17 World Snowmobile Expo, West Yellowstone, 646-7701

16-17 St. Patrick's Day Events, Butte, 494-5595

17 Belt Creek Headwaters Relay, Showdown 236-5522

20-23 C.M. Russell Auction of Original Art, Great Falls, 761-6453

21-24 Western Invitational Tournament, Lewistown, 538-7629

24 Pinhead Classic, Bozeman, 587-2111

30- International Wildlife Film Festival,
4/7 Missoula, 728-9380

APRIL 1996

7 Double Pole, Pad and Pedal, Bozeman, 587-2111

7 Nile Bull Riders Invitational, Billings, 256-2495

21 16TH Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Helena, 442-6118

21 1996 Ice Breaker Road Race, Great Falls, 771-1265

28 Peaks to Prairie, Billings, 657-8617

Dates subject to change; please verify before you visit.
All phone numbers are reached by area code 406.



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Winter Recreation

SAFETY TIPS.

Hazards & Risks

It is impossible to keep recreationists informed on the status of millions of acres of forest and thousands of miles of trails. Snow conditions can change dramatically from day to day, even hour to hour. Be on the lookout for rocks, stumps and fallen trees. Other potential hazards include caves and overlooks, abandoned mining tunnels and shafts, decaying structures and equipment, contaminated water, changing weather conditions, landslides and avalanches, exhaustion and hypothermia.

Winter Weather

The winter recreation season generally extends from late November through March, with snow conditions improving as the season progresses. Temperatures can range from 50 degrees above zero to 50 below, but averages generally run from 20 to 35 degrees above zero, with mostly sunny skies. Storms can develop quickly and you should be prepared for them:

- Be in good physical condition when you set out.
- Check the forecast before you leave.
- Pack enough extra clothing, food and gear for a possible overnight.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you intend to return.
- Travel in groups of at least three; if snowmobiling, have two machines.
- Turn back if the weather looks bad.

Windchill

Wind can be a deadly enemy because of its cooling effect on already cold temperatures. This windchill chart illustrates the effect of wind and temperature on a dry, properly clothed person. If clothing is wet from perspiration or precipitation, the effect is even greater.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is a loss of body temperature caused by exposure to cold and aggravated by moisture, wind and exhaustion. If steps are not taken to raise the victim's body temperature, mental and physical collapse will result. Watch for these symptoms:

- Uncontrollable fits of shivering
- Vague, slow, slurred speech
- Memory lapses, incoherence
- Immobile, fumbling hands
- Frequent stumbling
- Drowsiness, exhaustion

To avoid hypothermia, stay dry. Insulate your body against cold, wet weather by wearing wool or fleece pile and waterproof clothing, including a knit cap. Dress warmly before you start shivering. If your clothing doesn't keep you warm, get out of the cold. If you can't get out, build a fire and make camp while you still have energy. Don't wait until you're exhausted.

To treat hypothermia, shelter the victim and remove all wet clothing. Get the victim into warm, dry clothes, a warm, dry sleeping bag and try to feed the victim warm liquids. Keep the victim awake. If he or she becomes sick or unconscious, seek medical attention immediately.

Avalanche

Avalanche is a real and present danger. Carry and know how to use avalanche equipment, including transceivers, probe poles and shovels. A wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to understand avalanche conditions and reroute your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. They are trig-

gered by a variety of slope, snow and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountainous terrain after heavy snowfall or prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridgetops and on the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

If you are caught in an avalanche:

- Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- If snowmobiling, discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.
- As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand, other part of your body or ski pole, above the surface.
- Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- Try not to panic; you need to conserve oxygen.

Wind Speed	Temperature(F)											
	40	30	20	10	5	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
0	Equivalent Chill Temperature											
5	35	25	15	5	0	-5	-15	-25	-35	-45	-55	-70
10	30	15	5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-60	-70	-80	-95
15	25	10	-5	-20	-25	-30	-45	-60	-70	-85	-100	-110
20	20	5	-10	-25	-30	-35	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-120
25	15	0	-15	-30	-35	-45	-60	-75	-90	-105	-120	-135
30	10	0	-20	-30	-40	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-125	-140
35	10	-5	-20	-35	-40	-50	-65	-80	-100	-115	-130	-145
40	10	-5	-20	-35	-45	-55	-70	-85	-100	-115	-130	-150

Danger
Increased Danger
(Skin may freeze within 1 minute)
Great Danger
(Skin may freeze within 30 seconds)

If you are a survivor, you are a victim's best hope of survival.

- Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he or she is trapped.
- Search for the victim directly down-slope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving.
- Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
- If the victim is found, treat for hypothermia, suffocation and shock.

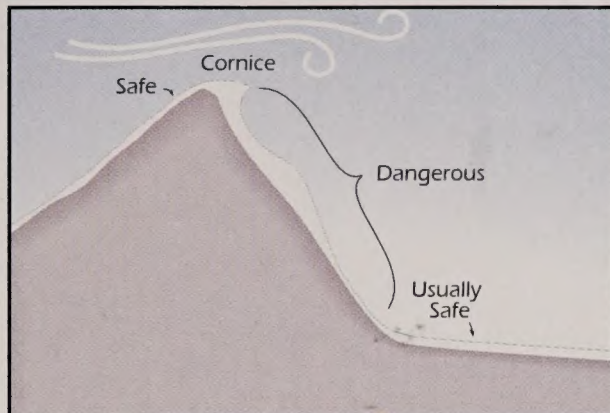
Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avalanche conditions are available at local forest service officers.

Avalanche Advisory

**Northwest Montana
800-526-5329**

**West Yellowstone
406-646-7912**

**Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests
406-549-4488 or 800-281-1030**



Personal Responsibility

Winter recreationists are responsible for their own personal safety.

- Snowmobilers must know how to operate their machines and should always drive safely and courteously.
- Snowmobilers should operate machines at safe speeds and be prepared to stop within half the distance they can see when driving.
- Skiers and snowboarders should always stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Drinking doesn't mix with snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding or any other outdoor winter activity requiring clear judgment.
- Snowmobilers, skiers and snowboarders must yield to those who are moving slower.

Garnet Ghost Town: John Reddy



Travel Advice from Montana's Snowplow Drivers

Montana keeps highways open throughout the winter, but travelers face tough conditions at times. Montana's snowplow drivers offer this advice:

Visibility

See and be seen. Keep your headlights and taillights clean, especially in stormy weather. Keep windows clean and make sure defrosters work well. If snow has built up on your vehicle overnight or after a break from driving, clear it away so it doesn't blow off and obscure your windows.

Common Sense

Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those around you. Drive defensively. Don't assume the other vehicle can or will stop at intersections. Test the road. Don't wait until you have to stop to test your traction. Watch for a safe place and then gently test your brakes. If road conditions seem to have changed, look for a safe place and test braking again.

Patience

Give yourself extra time to travel in winter. Being in a hurry in a storm or on icy roads is sure to get you in trouble. Passing when you can't see ahead and driving too fast for road conditions cause serious accidents in Montana each year.

Finally, leave the **cruise control off** for winter driving. It can accelerate your vehicle just as you hit a patch of ice or a slippery bridge deck.

Always be prepared with road and weather information before you set out on your way. Call **800-226-ROAD (7623)** from the U.S. or Canada for current Montana road and weather conditions.



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